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Preface

Scientific analysis of the situation and the establishment of a revolutionary strategy

In February 2022, the war in Ukraine broke out. In reality, this war began with the Maidan coup d'état in 2014. Since then, intensified over the course of the eight-year war in Donbas and then entered full swing with Russia's "Special Military Operation." The war in Ukraine will be recorded in world history as the start of World War 3. In October 2023, the war in West Asia (Middle East) began and immediately spread to the "Axis of Resistance," and then entered full swing with Iran's "True Promise" operation in April 2024.

The war in Ukraine and the war in West Asia are closely linked. Russia and the "Axis of Resistance," including Iran, belong to the anti-imperialist camp, while the USA, NATO, the Zelensky administration, and the Netanyahu government belong to the imperialist and fascist camp. Both wars were provoked by the imperialist camp and are now clearly emerging as a confrontation between the two camps. This creates problems for the imperialist camp, such as the logical contradiction between

its anti-Russian and pro-Israeli propaganda.

Even within the anti-imperialist camp, the revisionist forces' anti-Russian and anti-Iranian propaganda cause problems. Of major concern is that the Communist Party of Greece, at the head of such propaganda, is one of the organizers of the Solidnet. This is why the international communist camp is failing to play its role. Labeling Russia and China as imperialist and the war in Ukraine as an inter-imperialist war is an opportunistic line that is causing division in the international communist movement and benefits imperialism.

The storm of World War 3, caused by imperialism, is blowing from Eastern Europe through West Asia (Middle East) to East Asia and the Western Pacific. In order to escape their own serious political and economic crisis, imperialists are plotting World War 3 under the strategy of the "New Cold War," denouncing the anti-imperialist camp as the "New Axis of Aggressors." The anti-imperialist camp, superior in all aspects of justification, forces, and operations, will achieve final victory in the three main battlefields of Eastern Europe, West Asia, and the East Asia-West Pacific, dealing a fatal blow to the imperialist camp.

Unless we analyze the political situation scientifically, we cannot establish a revolutionary strategy. A revolutionary force must examine the current situation historically and structurally and clarify the goals, means, and methods of revolution. This is why the World Anti-imperialist Platform has taken "the situation

of World War 3 and the tasks of the anti-imperialist forces” on as its fundamental theme. All the articles in this book are written from the perspective of scientific analysis of the situation and the establishment of revolutionary strategy. We hope these articles will contribute to the three goals of the World Anti-imperialist Platform: to promote the world anti-imperialist mass struggle, to conduct ideological struggle against opportunism, and to strengthen the international communist movement.

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“Beyond War” in South Korea—The characteristic, possibility and prospect of war in South Korea

Contribution to the Paris International Conference on May 28, 2022

In order to analyze the relation between South Korea and the war and to go forward beyond the war in South Korea, three important aspects need to be considered: First, the character of the war, second, the possibility of the war and third, the prospects after the war. To answer these questions, it is necessary to understand the war at the historical and structural levels. This is because, like other countries, a history of Korean revolution, including South Korea, is prolonged and complicated.

1. Having been a single nation-state for more than 5,000 years, Korea has been divided since the US army was stationed in South Korea as the occupying forces in 1945, shortly after Korea was liberated from Japanese imperialism. They established the US military government, thereby dissolving Korean people's power. In the historical perspective of mankind, it is unfair that it was not Japan, a country of war criminals and defeated like Germany, but Korea that was divided, even though Korea is a victorious country which was colonized by Japan and fought

against it through armed struggles. This injustice is totally because the US imperialism tried to make South Korea a colony to use it as a bridgehead for an invasion of the continent. On the other hand, North Korea, where the Soviet army entered as a liberation army, successfully carried out people's democratic revolution and made satisfactory preparations for the socialist revolution.

At that time, the Second Civil War in 1945-1949 was underway in China. North Korea fully participated in the war, including the Northeast Liberation War, making an important contribution to the defeat of Chiang Kai-shek's army and its string-puller, US imperialism. In 1948, two separate governments were established in the North and South. In 1950, the Korean War began. During these three years of war, the death toll of the North and South each reached 2.5 millions and the entire Korean territory was burnt to ashes. The Chinese People's Volunteer Army supported North Korea and the US army, leading the allied forces of 16 countries, entered the war on the side of South Korea. In addition to the allied forces, in consideration of South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan, there was an incomparably vast imbalance of military forces between two sides. However, the US eventually could not help signing a cease-fire. North Korea celebrates this armistice day as Victory Day.

From the point of view of North Korea, the Korean War was a National Liberation War aimed at achieving national independence for the whole of Korea. Meanwhile, from the point of view of the US, it was a war of imperialist invasion to expand its occupied territory and its bridgehead for a continental invasion from the South to the North. Every National Liberation

War is a just war and every imperialist war of aggression is an unjust war. There are different opinions on the reason for the outbreak of Korean war, but there is no disagreement on the definition of the character of this war according to the positions of each state.

Afterward, North Korea and China agreed to automatically assist each other, without any condition, whenever either of them went to the war against foreign imperialist forces. The agreement in 1961 between North Korean leader Kim Il Sung and a former Chinese premier Zhou Enlai was reaffirmed by the meeting between Chinese president Xi Jinping and North Korean president Kim Jong Un during Xi's visit to North Korea in 2019. This means a solid pact has been made between North Korea and China that China will promptly participate in the war if the North enters the war against US imperialism and vice versa. This is one of the important reasons why China, like never before, solved the Hong Kong issue decisively with mobilizing the police force in 2020 and has actively prepared for the Taiwan war. Like the successive "Color Revolutions" around Russia, Taiwan's secession from China would lead to a series of secessionist movements in Hongkong, Tibet, Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia, driving China into an unprecedented worst political crisis.

China has set up two strategic goals before 2021, the 100th anniversary of Chinese Communist Party. The first is to reach the State of Xiaokang (state of relative comfort), corresponding to a GDP of ten thousand dollars per capita. The other goal is to obtain the First island chain, the line of islands connecting Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines and Indonesia through the

South China Sea. Once China retains this island chain, it will be able to strengthen its security, reunify Taiwan and advance in the Pacific. On the other hand, the US would retreat from the Western Pacific and lose Taiwan and its hegemonic supremacy in that region. Taiwan has the world's largest semiconductor companies, such as TSMC, which are sorely needed by both China and the US. China has already achieved the first goal (State of Xiaokang) in 2019, earlier than expected but has not yet achieved the second goal (the First island chain). It will hold the 20th congress of Communist Party of China in the end of this year, where the question of the third term for Xi Jinping will be decided. It's more essential than ever for General Secretary Xi Jinping and the Communist Party of China to solve the Taiwan problem as well as the economic problem.

2. With this historical background around the Korean peninsula, there is a confrontation between the triangular system of North Korea, China, and Russia in the northern part and the triangular system of the US, Japan, and South Korea in the southern part. If the scope is expanded, Taiwan would be included in the southern triangular system. In South Korea, the Moon Jae-in reformist government was established in 2017, which supports peace and reunification, so that South Korea significantly drifted into the northern triangular system through North Korea's national united front strategy and the development of China-South Korea trade relation, resulting in a serious crack in the southern triangular system. The Panmunjom Declaration on April 28th 2018 and the Pyongyang Joint Declaration of September 2018 were the works of North

Korea's national united front strategy. In South Korea, the share of foreign trade with China became twice larger than that with the US. It intensified the South Korean capital's shift from pro-American to pro-Chinese character.

The South Korean economy is very vulnerable to external shocks because it is a subordinate economy where its capital composition, equipments, raw-materials and market are vertically subordinated to the imperialist systems in the process of reproduction. It's also because it is a deformed economy where its heavy industry, light industry and agriculture are fragmented and hypertrophied disproportionately. Under the global crisis of capitalism, the Covid-19 pandemic and the hybrid warfare in Ukraine are deepening the economic crisis beyond the financial crisis in 2008 at the US and global level. The South Korean economy, already considerably damaged, would be fatally wounded if a war broke out in Taiwan, not to mention a war in South Korea. The fashionable slogan in South Korea at the moment is, "Security with the US and economy with China". This slogan points out an incompatible contradiction between the operational control of the South Korean military subject to the US and its economic trade that is very close with China.

After the victory of the fascist forces in the presidential election in South Korea in March 2022, the government's policies have been shifted to strengthen the alliance with the US and Japan, exacerbating the composition of the conflict between the northern triangular system and the southern triangular system centered on the Korean peninsula. Yoon Suk-yeol is the pro-US and belligerent figure who has defined North Korea as 'the main enemy', and has proclaimed 'the pre-emptive strike against

North Korea’ and ‘resumption of the nuclear drill to invade North Korea.’ during his presidential election. In this sense, the Yoon Suk-yeol government is essentially no different from the Poroshenko government which emerged in 2014 in Ukraine. As the Poroshenko government is a proxy government of NATO and a fascist anti-Russia government, the Yoon Suk-yeol government is a proxy government of the US imperialism and a fascist anti-North Korea government. In South Korea, none of pro-Japanese collaborators during the Second World War were liquidated, and they remained in place, becoming the puppet of US imperialism, organizing the army and the police. Even with the military coup in 1961, the pro-US military fascist government had been built for 30 years and led South Korea to become a prison without bars, or the living hell where democracy and human rights are infringed. In Gwangju in 1980, the people, who were waging armed struggle against the fascist military government, were cruelly slaughtered by the pro-US military fanatic fascists under the control of the US imperialism. For South Korean people, the genocide in Odessa, Ukraine in 2014 and the massacre in Donbass that lasted for 8 years are not such alien events.

The thirty-thousands of US troops, stationed in South Korea, fully seize operational control of South Korean military. The US forces in South Korea constantly carry out biological weapon tests at several places, including the anthrax bacillus and botulinum toxin, which are deadly to humans. The US forces in South Korea are armed with the various tactical and strategical nuclear weapon and conduct the military exercises annually and frequently. According to the “2020 Defense White Paper” of the South Korean military, the US-South Korea joint military

exercise were conducted 172 times in 2020. The nuclear war exercise against North Korea was carried out in April 2022 on a large scale and it is still being conducted just on a smaller scale. Recently, during Biden's visit to South Korea from May 20 to 22, the 'Doomsday plane' airborne command post in case of nuclear war, was deployed along with 3 nuclear aircraft carriers and a nuclear submarine. Besides, the hospital ship and transport ship, which usually appear on the eve of the war, were also seen. Accordingly, North Korea has powerfully counteracted by test-firing new types of tactical and strategic nuclear weapons that it has been developing for some time, and by fully presenting them at the military parade. At present, the Korean peninsula is in the extremely dangerous situation and it would not be surprising if war broke out immediately.

3. The character of the war is the national liberation war and the just war on the side of North Korea and is the imperialist war and the unjust war on the side of the US. The communist forces and genuine patriotic nationalist forces in South Korea and abroad cannot but take the same stand with North Korea, while the fascist forces in South Korea and abroad cannot but have same position with the US. As our nation is a homogeneous nation for five-thousands years, both the Korean war in 1950 and the future war that may be called "the Second Korean war" are the 100 percent internal affairs of our nation. It is clear that a war against the imperialist foreign forces that intervene has the character of national liberation war. As for the forces in between, i.e. the reformist forces in South Korea and abroad, they are generally those who seek peace and reunification.

According to the historical experience, in the phase of war, they will be on the side of nation that opposes the foreign forces. In Korea, from the time of anti-Japanese struggle and through the Second World War to the present day, the communist forces and nationalist forces have formed the national united front and joined the national liberation revolution together. In the history of whole Korea as well as South Korea, the nationalist forces, as the national independent forces, have always taken a stand against foreign forces and for national liberation.

Korea has experienced war in its history and is structurally in the condition that a war can break out. And recently, the possibility of war has reached an unprecedented level. While the pro-US fascist forces have seized power in South Korea, the confrontation between the northern triangular system and the southern triangular system centering around the Korean peninsula expedites the military conflict. The situation in East Asia, where China is decisively promoting to solve the Taiwan issue, and the situation in Ukraine, where the war between Russia on the one hand and NATO and Neo-Nazi forces on the other hand is going on, constitute the international conditions that accelerate the march towards a war on the Korean peninsula.

As for the postwar prospects, of course, that would depend on the outcome of the war, if the national liberation forces win, the people's democratic revolution will be completely conducted, under the situation that the US troops and fascist forces are removed. Naturally, the next strategic phase to eliminate the class distinction will be carried out. The reunification of Korea can only take the one way of the federal system with one nation

and two systems and two governments, due to the different conditions between the social systems of the North and South. It is certain that when class emancipation is achieved in South Korea, Korea will proceed to the unification of the system with one nation, one system and one government.

Currently, the political situation in South Korea is passing through the period of great upheaval reminding of the period of the Second World War. In this period of great upheaval, when the national liberation revolution triumphs in Korea and consequently the people's democratic revolution wins in South Korea, alike the period after the Second World War, it would be advanced, through the period of great transition, to the period of great upsurge. We are convinced that the historical and revolutionary truths that only the revolutionary idea of working class and the revolutionary party of the working class can achieve the single-mindedness of the working class and the working people, and that united people will never be defeated.

We affirm the strategic significance of the internationalist unity of the working class and working people. The South Korean revolution and Korean people will prove this truth again in practice.

To the World Anti-Imperialist Platform— The current world situation and the immediate tasks of the international communist forces

Contribution to the Paris International Conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform on October 14, 2022

Finding the right solution to the following theoretical and practical problems for the unity and practical struggle of the world's anti-imperialist forces, including the communist forces, is more important today than ever, when the war is already being waged in Eastern Europe and just before the wars in East Asia.

In relation to the war in Eastern Europe, the Ukraine War, a controversial issue with the nature of the war is the character of Russian society; similarly, concerning the Taiwan War and the South Korean War, the character of Chinese society is also the issue with the nature of the wars.

Regarding the nature of the war in Ukraine, the theory of “inter-imperialist war” and the theory of liberation and preventive war stand in opposition to one another. In the background of this confrontation is the question of the character of Russian society in which two theories, the theory of “Russian imperialism” and the theory of Russian capitalism, oppose each other likewise. The theory of “inter-imperialist war” naturally presupposes the

idea of “Russian imperialism,” while the theory of liberation and preventive war generally rejects the theory of “Russian imperialism” and acknowledges the theory of Russian capitalism. Liberation and preventive war theory views this war as a liberation war from the conditions of massacres and the oppression of Russian-speaking people in Ukraine, including Donbass, as well as the preventive or self-defensive war against a US/NATO invasion of Russia with the Ukrainian forces in the lead.

The theoretical limitations and errors of the theory of “Russian imperialism” are clear. It has not been satisfactorily proven by the proponents of this theory that Russia meets the core economic characteristics of imperialism specified in Lenin’s “Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism,” which are a financial oligarchy, economic division of the world, and the territorial division of the world among the imperialist powers, etc. It cannot refute the view that key reasons why imperialists have colonies, according to theory of contemporary imperialism, because they are advantageous investment markets of capital, markets of surplus goods, suppliers of cheap raw materials and labor. These don’t apply to Russia and sometimes, even stand in opposition to its reality.

Those who insist on the theory of “Russian imperialism” mostly also support the theory defining China as imperialist. Repeating the same analytical errors, they intentionally disregard the essential socialist features which are especially guidance of the communist party and all people’s ownership of the most important means of production in China. In some extreme cases, they even go so far as to put forward the theory that

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is an imperialist country. Not everyone who affirms the theory considering China as imperialist considers the Taiwan war an imperialist war, but the fact that one of the initiating forces of the international communist movement defines the Ukraine war, the Taiwan war and even the South Korean war as imperialist wars is a serious problem that must not be overlooked. Not only the fatherland reunification war of Korea (which has been a single nation-state for 5000 years), the South Korean liberation war to drive out the US imperialist aggressive forces that have forcibly occupied South Korea, also the fatherland reunification war of China, which aims to liberate Taiwan (a part of China since the end of Middle Ages), the Taiwan liberation war, are both national liberation wars.

The extremists, who consider that not only Russia and socialist China and but even the DPRK—the most thorough socialist country—are imperialist, naturally regard socialist Cuba as imperialist also. Therefore, it comes as no surprise at all that they see Iran and Venezuela, Rwanda and Mozambique as imperialist countries likewise. To them, capitalism means imperialism. Even a socialist country, if it has markets and trade, it is capitalist and therefore imperialist. This is a blanket denial against “the highest stage of capitalism” as the essential definition of imperialism. Absolutely, it is no wonder that such non-dialectical and metaphysical thinking, which denies the historical stages, based on subjectivism, leads its exponents to fall into the trap of this schematism.

Those who take as their starting point the idea of “Russian imperialism” fail in practice to meet the tasks of the present era,

and fall back on comforting parallels with the Second World War and the 'antifascist alliance' of that period. They don't see the fact as it is, that the united front, which the socialist DPRK and China have built with Russia, is the world anti-imperialist front. Because the main targets of the world antifascist front that was built during the Second World War were fascism in Germany, Italy and Japan. If the wars break out in East Asia as well which will be called the Third World War, about this war, the main targets will be the USA, the EU, and the Japanese imperialists, so the united front will be the world anti-imperialist front. The South Korean war and the Taiwan war are liberation wars both against US imperialism. When looking at its surface, the Ukraine war could be regarded as an antifascist war that fights against the neo-Nazi fascist forces. But in its essence, it is the anti-imperialist war that fights against NATO. The neo-Nazis are a marionette of NATO. The main target, a strategic target is NATO, and the neo-Nazis are the secondary target, a tactical target. Defining the nature of the war must be achieved by identifying the main target, i.e. the strategic target. The same is true of South Korean situation. Fascism is the ruling method of the imperialist forces. Imperialists control the working class including the working masses sometimes through fascism, and sometimes through reformism. The US imperialists have used fascism mixed with reformism in their methods of dominating South Korea. However, neither the US nor the British imperialists have so far ever had to rule their own their working class and working people through fascism. Today's international issue is imperialism, not fascism. Fascism is domestic issue in some countries of the world, and is very limited.

Today, the revolutionary struggle on a global scale which the international communist forces have to lead is the anti-imperialist struggle.

The international communist forces must maintain their own identity as the revolutionary forces of the working class in their own countries, however, at the same time, they must build united fronts rallying other forces under the banner of anti-imperialism and conduct joint action both in their own countries and internationally. That is to say forming the world anti-imperialist united front and developing the world anti-imperialist joint action.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform must take the role of a locomotive force for organizing this united front and joint action. In the present conditions of anti-imperialist war being waged in East Europe and with the imminent approach of a decisive anti-imperialist war in East Asia, we are confident that the world anti-imperialist forces as well as the international communist forces can finally gloriously move forward the victory of world anti-imperialist revolution by playing the most important political role in organizing broad working class and working masses as one, and powerfully mobilizing them into a struggle that can decisively hit imperialist forces.

The rising tide of global war and the tasks of the world anti-imperialists

Contribution to the Belgrade International Conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, hosted jointly with the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia (NKPJ), on December 17, 2022

Amid the rising tide of global war, what are the tasks of anti-imperialists? In Eastern Europe, the war in Ukraine is ongoing, and in East Asia, wars in South Korea and Taiwan are imminent. Military tension has been mounting in the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. The world economy is in crisis owing to high inflation, high interest rates and high exchange rates, and people's daily lives have reached the point of breakdown. At the crossroads of destiny, the people, who are teetering on the cliff-edge of survival, are asking us, the revolutionary parties of the working class, how to survive. Now is the time to deeply review historical experience—in particular the development of world war from the great depression of the 1930s.

As history proves, imperialism always brings with it the threat of war. Without invasion and plunder, imperialism cannot survive. The main method by which the imperialist powers try to escape their domestic political and economic crises is by waging war abroad. War allows monopoly capital, which has seized control of its home state, to create huge profits, which has the

effect of accelerating the militarization of the home economy. Today, the military-industrial complexes in the imperialist countries, having disposed of many of their conventional weapons and standing armies, have found new means of waging war. The brutal air war waged by NATO against Yugoslavia in the Balkan peninsula in the 1990s, and later against Serbia, was one such example. It is the same with the war crisis in East Asia, which has been escalating as well.

US and European imperialism violated the agreement they made with the Soviet Union (later Russia), pushing through NATO's eastward expansion and eventually causing the current Ukraine situation. Today's war is the result of the west continually fabricating "colour revolutions" and grooming neo-Nazi forces across the region as part of its "Grand Chessboard" strategy. It is also the result of the horrific massacre in Odessa after which followed the "Maidan" coup in 2014, and of the 14,000 Donbass victims during eight years of antifascist war—as the documentary film "Ukraine on Fire" made perfectly clear. It is no longer a secret that NATO special forces, notorious for "Operation Gladio", have long maneuvered Bandera's descendants in secret, covertly training them to occupy Donbass by waving a "false flag", and preparing to use them for an assault on Russia.

We can understand the interrelation between the war crisis in eastern Europe and the war crisis in east Asia through various historical facts of the last century. James Alward Van Fleet, the US military general who oppressed Greek partisans in 1948, went on to serve as supreme commander in the Korean war. When NATO was bombing Belgrade in 1999, the imperialist's

intentionally bombed the Chinese embassy. Creating a climate of fear, the USA threatened North Korea by conducting war exercises against it (Oplan 5027-98, or “Operational Plan to invade North Korea”), and by letting William J. Perry visit North Korea. Today, the Serbs living in the northern part of Kosovo are under constant threat of ethnic persecution and genocide, living under the shadow of the huge US military “Camp Bondsteel” base (the biggest one in the Balkan Peninsula). With great concern, we see that the flame of war that has broken out in Ukraine could easily spread to Serbia. Furthermore, it reminds us that North Korea and China, as blood alliance nations, will have no choice but to closely coordinate their strategy and tactics if one or both of them finds itself having to wage a similar war against imperialist aggression—as they had to once before.

Just as it used the puppet Zelensky regime in Ukraine to provoke Russia, US imperialism has been using the Yoon Suk-yeol regime in South Korea to provoke the DPRK, and the Tsai Ing-wen regime in Taiwan to provoke China. A complex history since the days of the “Kievan Rus” may inform different views on the ethnic commonality between Russia and Ukraine, but even the USA cannot deny that the people of Taiwan and China are one, indigenous peoples on the island constituting just 1 percent of the population and the region having been part of China since medieval times. Likewise, nobody in the world can deny that North and South Korea are one nation, having had a 5,000-year united history. Thus, it is clear that there is no basis for division or external meddling in the internal affairs of either Korea or China.

However, US imperialism, which has become a byword

for aggression and plunder and the chieftain of modern imperialism since the mid-20th century, has been eager to find a way to divide and weaken Korea and China, and to this end is combining its favoured approach of a proxy war with its latest military doctrine of “hybrid war”. These ceaseless provocations, which seek to cross the red lines that have been made quite clear by the governments in Beijing and Pyongyang are totally unacceptable to both North Korea and China. It is obvious that US imperialism and its followers are absolutely responsible for any war that results from this aggression in South Korea or Taiwan—and for the third world war towards which we are being pushed by the unceasing war drive across the world.

History will record that while this war was an unjust war as far as the aggressive imperialist powers were concerned, it was a just war on the part of all the forces of anti-imperialism and national liberation. Furthermore, just as WW2 was defined as a world antifascist war, WW3 will be defined as a world anti-imperialist war. Just as the socialist Soviet Union formed a world antifascist front with the USA and Britain, which were imperialist powers allied to the antifascist front in the WW2, so today socialist North Korea and China are forming a world anti-imperialist with capitalist Russia. The world anti-imperialist front can also be defined as a combination of anti-imperialist armed-struggle forces as the main force with anti-imperialist mass movements as the secondary force.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform, as a unified body of the communist and non-communist anti-imperialist forces, regards itself as the locomotive of anti-imperialist mass struggle waged on a global scale. This expresses itself in the waging of a

powerful anti-imperialist mass struggle, in correcting the wrong theoretical line in the anti-imperialist camp, and in raising the level of the revolutionary political forces of the working class. In practice, these aims are fulfilled by holding international conferences to analyse the developing political situation and establish a joint strategy, and by organizing anti-imperialist mass struggles simultaneously all over the world.

Yesterday, our anchor was weighed in Paris, Western Europe. Today, it is in Belgrade in Eastern Europe. Tomorrow we will be on another continent, one of the third world. We will be tireless in working to alert the masses of the world to the aggressive nature of imperialism and to the counter-revolutionary dangers of opportunism. At the same time, we will do everything in our power to take the initiative in working for the unity and victory of the world anti-imperialist forces, performing to the best of our ability the noble contemporary mission of rousing the revolutionary political forces of the working class in this vital struggle.

In this moment, for us, there are no slogans as desperately touching our heart as “Workers and peoples of the world, unite!” and “The people united will never be defeated!” We are convinced that the approaching moment of great global change will be the moment when imperialism will be decisively defeated on a global scale, advancing humanity into the new world in which the masses of working people become the masters of national sovereignty and means of production; that the coming period of world anti-imperialist war will lead to a period of a great revolutionary turn, exceeding the revolutionary upsurge that followed the antifascist war of the last century.

The rising tide of world war and the base of anti-imperialist revolution

Contribution to the Caracas International Conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, hosted jointly with the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), on March 4, 2023

While 2022 was the year in which war broke out in Ukraine, Eastern Europe, 2023 is the year in which war is very likely to break out in South Korea and Taiwan, East Asia.

The war in Ukraine was caused by NATO's policy of eastward expansion and the USA's strategy of dissolving the Russian Federation. Russia, upholding the cause of its anti-imperialist, antifascist and preventive war, is prevailing on the battlefield with its overwhelming military power and elaborate strategy and tactics. After their initial successes, the propaganda of western media producing fake news have definitely lost their powers to deceive the world's people.

At the same time, anti-war and anti-government sentiment is spreading amongst the populations of Ukraine and Poland. With their strategy of attrition and proxy warfare failing to work out as expected in Ukraine, the US invaders are shifting their gaze to East Asia, trying to escape their decisive crisis by continuously and intensely provoking conflict via their war exercises against North Korea and their backing of the separatist movement in

Taiwan.

The wars currently being triggered in South Korea and Taiwan are particularly serious since the possible use of tactical nukes has been raised by the imperialists. East Asia includes not only Northeast Asia but also Southeast Asia. Recently, the USA reached an agreement with the Philippines to use four areas near Taiwan as US military bases.

Meanwhile, Japan has doubled its defence budget compared to last year and decided to deploy 100 missiles in Okinawa toward Taiwan, declaring its preemptive strike capability in the name of a “counterattack capability”. With the escalating separatist movement under the control of the US imperialists, like Japan, Taiwan has invited newly-elected house speaker of the US Congress, as it did in August 2022, and has imported US weapons in bulk by dint of loan from the US.

As we all know, China can never allow Taiwan to secede, since this would inevitably have a domino effect, triggering more US-backed “colour revolution” attempts in Hong Kong, Tibet, Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia.

As with the fascistic and bellicose Zelensky regime in Kiev, the USA recently established the fascistic and bellicose Yoon Suk-yeol regime in Seoul, which is accelerating the fascistization of the country and committing to ever more and bigger war exercises against North Korea.

Along with all this, the death of former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe last July was a catalyst for accelerating the revival of Japanese militarism, while Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan in August escalated the military tension surrounding the province. This was closely followed by the nuclear war drill

against North Korea, joined by the US nuclear aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, being entered South Korea in September, was conducted with unitedly the US, South Korean and Japanese militaries in East Sea. The “New Cold War” strategy of the USA in East Asia and its accompanying warmongering maneuvers are not “responses” to any hostile action, but have been thoroughly premeditated.

Unlike landlocked Eastern Europe, East Asia is next to the sea, and so any war which breaks out there has a far higher probability of involving some kind of limited nuclear weaponry. The tactical nuclear bomb, which is less powerful than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima but capable of making an extremely powerful precision strike, has been designed to target the underground bunkers of an enemy’s military command in modern warfare. The true intention of the US army as it carries out its ferocious nuclear war exercises against the DPRK, including “decapitation” operations, is clear.

North Korea, China and Russia are all nuclear and missile powers possessing both hydrogen bombs and hypersonic missiles. If these countries were to carry out a swift attack using tactical nuclear weapons, or to use their hypersonic missiles to carry out an EMP (electromagnetic pulse) strike, the USA’s much-vaunted nuclear carriers would become defenceless.

If the USA attacks the territories of the North Korea, China, and Russia, then these three countries would counterattack the US mainland with nukes. The “balance of fear” resulting from this mutually-assured destruction (MAD) has led the USA to embrace proxy warfare, using pro-US puppet regimes and hybrid warfare premised on non-nuclear as its fundamental military

doctrine.

East Asia, following Eastern Europe, is now the region most likely to break out into war. If the flame of war spreads from Eastern Europe to East Asia, this would result in a third world war. Since the war in Eastern Europe is ongoing and the war in East Asia is imminent, sooner rather than later, the world anti-imperialist forces should brace for the third world war which imperialism is now attempting to provoke. Not only Eastern Europe and East Asia, but the whole world, including Latin America, must squarely face the severity of the current situation and actively fight against imperialism and its aggressive wars.

Like Asia, Latin America and Africa have long suffered from colonialism and being a colony of imperialism. It is no coincidence that Asian and African people held their international conference in Indonesia in 1955 and issued the Bandung Declaration. Now it is time not only for Asia and Africa, but also for Latin America—for all oppressed and developing countries—to stand together as one and go forward with the banner of anti-imperialism and independence held high.

Latin America, which was for many years the colony of Spain and Portugal, is today at the forefront of opening up a new era for anti-imperialist independence and people's democracy, refusing to remain as the "first colony" of US imperialism.

We pay attention to the revolutionary advance, starting with the Cuban revolution and followed by those in Nicaragua, Bolivia, and elsewhere. We highly value the victory of the Bolivarian revolution and the achievement of ALBA (Alianza Bolivariana para los Pueblos de Nuestra América).

Since revolution and socialist construction are carried out in each national state as a unit, each country's historical and structural distinctive characteristics must be respected and taken into account. It is a principle that the identity of a revolutionary party of the working class, and the noble cause of internationalist solidarity, must stand consistently on the revolutionary process as dictated by the particular conditions of their country, without left or right-wing deviations.

In the general political situation in Latin America, which is becoming more and more revolutionized, besides adherence to the revolutionary principle and maintenance of the strategic line, it is important to keep in mind seasoned tactical measures suitable for the specific conditions and changing situation when aiming for a society in which the working people including working class are to be the master of the state power and the means of production.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform (the Platform) is an organizational weapon of the world anti-imperialist forces that has three main goals: to wage an effective anti-imperialist struggle, to indicate the correct line to the struggling forces, and to strengthen the international communist movement, which should be at the heart of that struggle.

The Platform aims to achieve these goals by hosting international conferences and organizing simultaneous worldwide anti-imperialist struggles, thus uniting theoretical and practical activities and bringing together all those who are serious about opposing US-led imperialism.

In Paris, France in Western Europe in October 2022, the Platform, holding the first international conference, announced

its programme, the Paris Declaration, and in Belgrade, Serbia in Eastern Europe in December 2022, it organized a second international conference, where for the first time a rally and march coincided with a worldwide anti-imperialist struggle, In Caracas, Venezuela in Latin America in March 2023, we are again holding the third international conference, which will be followed for a second time by a rally and march and a worldwide anti-imperialist simultaneous struggle.

Our movement was launched in Paris, France, which although it is an imperialist country, is also the home of the French Revolution, the Paris Commune and the WW2 antifascist resistance. It has travelled through Belgrade, the capital of the former socialist republic of Yugoslavia, one of the key members of former socialist bloc and victim of NATO's barbarous 1999 bombing campaign. Today, we are holding our first event in the oppressed world, here in Caracas, Latin America—the capital of Venezuela and the heart of the Bolivarian Revolution and of ALBA.

Some forces in the international communist movement are ridiculously and unreasonably insisting that the ongoing war in Ukraine is an inter-imperialist war and that the imminent wars in Taiwan and South Korea will likewise be inter-imperialist wars. These self-proclaimed “communists” define not only Russia but also China, North Korea—and even Venezuela and Cuba—as imperialists! The extremely subjective opinion that every country with even a small element of capitalist market is thereby imperialist can only benefit the imperialist forces, inducing the revisionism which denies the historically-proved revolutionary truth, the opportunism which creates left and

right-wing deviations, and the factionalism which splits the international and domestic communist movements.

To this grave danger, not only communist forces but also anti-imperialist, independent forces must be alert.

Today, since the imperialist forces are colluding as one, the anti-imperialist, independent forces must also unite as one. Since the imperialist forces are oppressing with an aggressive war, a fascist repression, an exploitation and a blockade, the anti-imperialist, independent states and movement must strongly struggle against imperialism, against fascism, and against every form of oppression and exploitation.

In that sense, it is natural for international communist forces and world anti-imperialist forces to fully support and stand in solidarity with Venezuela's historic choice and strategic stance of opening up the path for socialism and adhering to the line of building a self-supporting economy.

The weapons of the anti-imperialist forces are justice and truth, unity and struggle. The people united and struggling for justice and truth, for real freedom and welfare, never know defeat. It is totally impossible to reverse the new revolutionary era, in which the oppressed and exploited people of the third world come to the fore and proceed towards the building of self-reliant and independent societies, and in which the working people become the masters of political and economic life.

The people are the masters of history, and the revolution, that locomotive of history, proceeds following the independent aim of the people.

At this primary base of anti-US and anti-imperialist Latin America, in Caracas, Venezuela, where is the new revolutionary

base which people centered, we shout with victorious faith: Imperialism cannot avoid its doom! The people united under the banner of the anti-imperialism and independence will assuredly win! The people united will never be defeated!

Hugo Chávez's shining achievements

Memorial address at the mausoleum of Hugo Chávez, commemorating the 10th anniversary of his death, in March 2023

We can summarize Commander Hugo Chávez's contribution to the anti-imperialist struggle—a contribution whose legacy is with us today—into five significant achievements.

First, he found revolutionary methods that were suitable for Venezuela, and successfully implemented them. As we well know from the collapse of the Salvador Allende government in Chile, revolution cannot be achieved by purely electoral means. Our history shows that armed struggle and popular uprising are necessary to change society. Following the examples of Cuba, Nicaragua and Algeria, the Venezuelan model was developed. Comandante Hugo Chávez educated and organized 10,000 soldiers in his army, and led them to rebellion. In spite of the military failure of this revolt, he won people's hearts, enabling him to come to office through an election. It is noteworthy that in my own country, the US occupiers thoroughly control our military. In order to prevent a similar national liberation trend arising in the South Korean army, they replace commanders often and retire them early.

Second, he led the Bolivarian Revolution. By revitalizing the spirit and achievements of Simon Bolivar, he was able not only to reawaken the spirit of anti-imperialist struggle but also the aim of Latin-American unity. Under such a symbol, the Venezuelan revolutionary movement has been able to embrace not only revolutionary military and working people but also middle strata, and not only in Venezuela but across the continent. This is why ALBA (Alianza Bolivariana para los Pueblos de Nuestra América), one of Venezuela's most important revolutionary accomplishments, remains in the limelight to this day. ABLA has played a most important role in helping the Venezuelan people face the most difficult ordeal of the atrocious US-led economic blockade. Understanding the need for strength in numbers, the People's Democracy Party of South Korea also emphasizes the policy that Western Pacific countries should form a single economic and peace community.

Third, the Bolivarian Revolution established a number of missions for the people and by the people. Comandante Chávez personally planned, pushed ahead and represented, in a way that everyone can easily understand, the essence of people's democratic reform measures by the revolutionary governing group. It was a policy for the people and a policy by the people at the same time. He set an example, shining beyond the century, by making a policy that collected the independent demand of each person, and accomplished the policy by harnessing the creative abilities of those people. In particular, even in the worst economic situation resulting from the combination of low oil prices and the economic blockade, Comrade Nicolás Maduro, who succeeded Hugo Chávez as president, achieved a most

noteworthy success in fulfilling the Great Housing Mission. We have seen some of this success for ourselves when we held an Architecture Exhibition with Jean-Francois Parent in Seoul, South Korea, to which we invited legendary Latin-American architect Fruto Vivas, and in our own visits to Venezuela. Along these same lines, the People's Democracy Party of South Korea popularizes the slogans: "Give back their own goods to the people!", and "Starting from serving the people through the reappropriation of the wealth, let us constantly advance people's welfare!"

Fourth, Comrade Chávez led the construction of a party, the PSUV, that has characteristics of united front. This was done by boldly embracing parties and political organizations that had the same desire to carry out a people's democratic revolution for the people and by the people. A similar type of party, Akel, exists in Cyprus, in the Mediterranean, although Akel began its life as a communist party. We in South Korea also had the experience of building the Democratic Labor Party, comprising almost all progressive political forces within South Korea in 2000, but it was forcibly disbanded after 15 years by the fascist government. The enemies of the working people including working class are most afraid of the progressive forces including the revolutionary forces uniting politically as one.

Fifth, the Bolivarian Revolution has led to the beginning of the construction of the Commune. We are thrilled that Hugo Chávez's last words were not about the party but about the Commune. With the words, "Commune or Nothing (¡Comuna o Nada!)", he left a most weighty instruction in the last moments of his life, reminding the people that the most important goal

for organizational building, political building remains the construction of the Commune, which the revolutionaries and activists must keep their in mind for life—no, for forever. We revolutionaries and activists from South Korea also sincerely regard this as our most crucial aim. During the earlier stages of the Korean revolution, after our liberation from Japanese imperialism in WW2, our people began to build a regime, which took root among the people, along the lines of the Commune. In the South, this was destroyed when the US forces entered as an army of occupation. In the North, on the other hand, it won success after success, and has been continuously developed since that time.

The value of any life can be seen from the shine of its achievements. There can be no doubt that the life and contribution of Hugo Chávez will continue to shine forth in the history of his homeland, of Latin America, of the working people and of humanity.

The period of the great turn, beyond the period of great transition, towards the period of the great upsurge

Contribution to the International Antifascist Conference in Minsk, hosted by the Communist Party of Belarus and the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, on April 22, 2023

The war in Ukraine was clearly provoked by the US imperialism and NATO. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union and Eastern European socialism, NATO has threatened Russia with a relentless eastward expansion policy. What does the fact tell us that the imperialist forces dissolved Yugoslavia and NATO bombed Belgrade in 1999? What is the goal of their strategy, as Brezinsky's "Great Chessboard," to bring not only France, Germany and Poland but also Ukraine into NATO? What is the intention of US imperialists in making the extreme fascist Bandera a Ukrainian "hero" and systematically fostering neo-Nazi forces instead of putting him on trial for war crimes? Who controlled and supported the Ukrainian fascist forces that massacred tens of thousands of people in Donbass alone for eight years since the Maidan coup in 2014. As the documentary testifies, what is burning in Ukraine is the madness of fascism, and its victims are entirely ethnic Russians. It is NATO that is spreading fake news with the 21st century Ukrainian version of "Operation Gladio," and it is the people of the world who

are being deceived. Even without mentioning the history of the Duchy of Kievan Rus and Lenin's proposition, "Ukraine is the head of Russia," the entire world now knows that Russians and Ukrainians are almost one nation, as shown in the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of DPRK. In conclusion, the problem between Russia and Ukraine is a national internal problem, and no foreign forces should intervene.

It is essentially no different from the China-Taiwan or North Korea-South Korea issue. China has recognized Taiwan as an inalienable territory since the Middle Ages, and Taiwan's indigenous population is only 2%. Korea has been a completely single nation since at least 5,000 years ago. As history teaches, the intervention of imperialist foreign powers has led to bloody wars and disorder, and in this course the people have always paid the price. We have to remember the objective fact that 2.4 million people in the North and 2.5 million in the South were slaughtered in the 1950s Korean War, mainly by the US imperialism. We should not forget the fact that the US imperialism, which dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nakasaki, also considered to drop the atomic bomb on Korea and China when it became unfavorable in the war. Korea is both a victim and a victor nation in the war against Japanese militarism, but the absurd history that Korea should be divided instead of the war criminal Japan is entirely due to the US imperialism. The US imperialism, which used nuclear weapons for the first time in the history of mankind, has never stopped trying to invade North Korea since it occupied South Korea in 1945 and has not hidden its diabolical intention to use tactical

nuclear weapons against North Korea in this course.

It is also the US imperialism that has formed the so-called “the US-Japan-South Korea trilateral military alliance” and mobilizes the US nuclear carriers and nuclear bombers to conduct the nuclear war exercises against North Korea daily. To this end, the US imperialism elected the pro-US fascist Yoon Suk-yeol, a combination of Petro Poroshenko and Volodymyr Zelensky, as a South Korean President last year and manipulated and supported him to turn South Korea into a tundra of human rights and democracy, and the prison of fascism less than a year when he became the president. In early April, it was also the US imperialism to organize the Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen’s visit to the US, provoking China as much as possible, and at the end of April, to make the South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol’s visit to the US, prompting and provoking North Korea at the peak. The US imperialism intends to complete to form “the US-Japan-South Korea trilateral alliance” and preparation for a nuclear war against North Korea, by Yoon’s visit to the US and the US-South Korea summit. Therefore, it is not surprising that ahead of his visit to the US, he remarked to directly support the weapon to Ukraine. If we do not overthrow Yoon Suk-yeol, the worst pro-US fascist and warmonger in history, who is the main agent of US imperialism, promotes the revival of Japanese militarism and provokes a nuclear war with North Korea, with outbreak of “the second Korean war”, the Korean peninsula could be turned into a nuclear battlefield and graveyard. In other words, while the war in Ukraine broke out in Eastern Europe in 2022, the wars in South Korea and Taiwan are very likely in East Asia in 2023. The war in South Korea and the war in Taiwan are

closely linked, and if one breaks out, the other will break out almost at the same time.

There is no other reason why South Korean people are struggling every week in Gwanghwamun Square in the center of the capital, insisting “Resign the Yoon Suk-yeol government!” and “Down with Yoon Suk-yeol!”. The South Korean economy, which is subordinated to the imperialist monopoly capital and structurally distorted, is very vulnerable to an external shock. Its vulnerability is further deepened by the IMF crisis of 1997 and the US financial crisis of 2008, and it reached the verge of explosion by the unprecedented “COVID-19 pandemic” and the “three highs panic” of high oil price, high interest rate, and high dollar. It is no coincidence that among industrialized societies, South Korean workers and workers in the workplace where there is endless competition and endless exploitation, where they work the longest hours and have the lowest wages, and most of them are temporary workers, record the highest suicide rate in the world. The South Korean people on the brink of the cliff of “Hell Joseon (South Korea)” have no other way out but the uprising, and have nothing to lose but their chains of imperialism and fascism.

As in Russia a hundred years ago, the people in the collapse of their livelihood and the war crisis, will follow the scientific guidance, the locomotive of revolution, will move forward on the path of fundamental transformation. In the historical period of the great turn, beyond the period of great transition, to the period of the great upsurge, it is the motive force of revolution that plays a decisive role. Our party is convinced of the slogans “Proletarians of the world, unite!” and “The people,

united, will never be defeated!”. We are convinced of the power of the scientific truth, and the power of working people united around revolutionary party of working class. Under the banner of communism and internationalism, we who organize the working people and be in solidarity with the world people, are certain that the task of justice, the task of revolution, to advance the realization of a new society in which the people are the masters of the regime and the means of production, and to continue to move forward for the final victory of the people should win.

Let us march forward towards victory, holding higher the banner of anti- imperialism!

Contribution to the Seoul International Conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, hosted jointly with the People's Democracy Party (PDP), on May 15, 2023

Today we are living in the era of the third world war. In Eastern Europe, the war in Ukraine broke out in 2022, and in East Asia, wars in South Korea and Taiwan are imminent. The third world war began with the war in Ukraine and will become global with the outbreak of war in East Asia. The war in South Korea and the war in Taiwan are essentially connected. Therefore, these wars in East Asia are on one battlefield. At the moment, there is fighting on only one theater, in Eastern Europe, but when the battlefield in East Asia forms, there will be two battlefields. The single front that embraces these two theaters of war is the united anti-imperialist front. Consequently, the formation of East Asian battlefields leads to one front and two battlefields—one anti-imperialist front spanning two battlefields in Eastern Europe and East Asia.

While battlefields also exist in the Middle East and Latin America, and contradictions in the USA itself are intensifying, the war theaters in Eastern Europe and East Asia have a different characteristic, which is their potential to provoke

a nuclear conflict between the world's largest militaries. Unfortunately, Eastern Europe and East Asia are the most dangerous places where tactical nuclear weapons are most likely to be used in practice. The US imperialists have already deployed their B61-12 tactical nuclear missiles to Italy, Poland, Germany and other sites in Europe. In East Asia, F-35 stealth bombers, which can carry a B61-21, have frequently been involved in war exercises aimed at North Korea. The infamous 1990s OPLAN 5027 nuclear war plan targeting the DPRK has recently been expanded and modified into OPLAN 5029, 5030 and 5055. With the inauguration of the Yoon Suk-yeol government last year, nuclear war and invasion rehearsals have been conducted with unprecedented frequency and ferocity.

The imperialist alliance, including the USA, pushed forward with its strategic plan for the eastward expansion of NATO after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the east European socialist bloc in 1991. While bombing Belgrade in 1999, NATO forces even destroyed the Chinese embassy. Dismantling Yugoslavia, the imperialists didn't conceal their aim of expanding this same Balkanizing model to Russia and China. From the mid 1990s onwards, they pursued a policy of isolating and suffocating the DPRK, even causing two million North Korean people to die of starvation. The imperialist forces' strategy of dismembering Russia and China and destroying the DPRK has been embodied in various provocative maneuvers over the last three decades. Each time, Russia, China, and North Korea had to exercise the utmost patience to prevent a war crisis. However, the eight-year genocide of ethnic Russians after the Maidan coup in 2014 and the NATO-led neo-Nazi invasion of the Donbass crossed a red

line for Russia.

For China, the stoking of the Taiwan independence movement, and for North Korea, the advent of a fascistic belligerent government in South Korea and their plans for a pre-emptive nuclear strike exercise against it, are also crossing red lines. The war situation in East Asia developed fiercely in the second half of last year as the suspicious assassination of Prime Minister Abe last July helped promote Japan's plan for remilitarization. This was combined with US House Speaker Pelosi's provocative visit to the Taiwan in August, and the dangerous entry of the Reagan nuclear-powered aircraft carriers into South Korea in September. Already this year, Taiwan's president visited the USA, South Korean president Yoon Suk-yeol visited Japan to meet with Kishida and finalize the formation of the US-Japan-South Korea "trilateral military alliance", and even more nuclear war exercises were conducted against North Korea, mobilizing a US nuclear aircraft carrier, nuclear submarines and nuclear bombers, East Asia finds itself now on the brink of a nuclear war that really could break out at any moment.

Among all South Korea's pro-US stooge governments, the most corrupt and incompetent, the most fascistic and belligerent of them all has been the new regime of Yoon Suk-yeol. Under the orders of its puppet-master, the USA, Yoon Suk-yeol visited Japan to finish the formation of the US-Japan-South Korea "trilateral military alliance", which is described as the "Asian NATO", and strengthened the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), frantically conducting nuclear war exercises against the DPRK alongside the USA and Japan. In the unprecedented economic crisis that broke out

amid the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, and fuelled by the “three highs” of high oil prices, high interest rates and a high dollar, the economic crisis in south Korea is now surpassing the 1997 IMF crisis (the state of “economic trusteeship” in which South Korea had to receive a bailout from the IMF) and the 2008 financial crisis that spread across the world from the United States banking system. As a result, the South Korean people are suffering their worst conditions in decades and are being driven to the brink in this “Hell Chosun (South Korea)”, where now it has the highest suicide rate in the world. Our people are holding candlelight demonstrations by themselves and are moving towards a people’s uprising by the popular demand having escalated from “Resign, Yoon Suk-yeol government!” to “Overthrow the Yoon Suk-yeol government!”.

Believing that we on the verge of witnessing a decisive counter-attack by the anti-imperialist forces against the provocations of imperialism, it follows that the organization of mass anti-imperialist struggle on a global scale has become an urgent practical task demanded by the times and the people. The World Anti-imperialist Platform, as the first of its three goals, affirms its intention to organize this anti-imperialist mass struggle, holding world anti-imperialist joint struggles every month. Along with members of the Platform, we have launched the Platform News website and strengthened our social media presence, doing what we can to expose the provocations and atrocities of imperialism and to spread information about the achievements of the growing anti-imperialist struggle day by day. In Latin America, where the anti-imperialist mass struggle is part of daily life in many countries, we recently held our third international conference and organized an anti-imperialist

demonstration in Caracas, Venezuela, on the tenth anniversary of the death of Comandante Hugo Chávez.

As the contradictions between the anti-imperialist forces and the imperialist bloc are intensified, the maneuvers of the revisionist, opportunist, factionalist group in the international communist movement are becoming more severe. It is logical and predictable that the World Anti-imperialist Platform, standing at the spearhead of the ideological war, should be slandered by the factionalist and opportunist groups, which revise revolutionary principles, commit left and right opportunist errors, divide the international communist camp, and objectively serve the interests of the enemy. Against the fact that international factionalist and opportunist groups recklessly counter Lenin's thesis on "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism" with the absurd "imperialist pyramid" theory, claiming that every capitalist country is also an imperialist one, disturbing and splitting the international communist camp as Kautsky and Trotsky did, the World Anti-imperialist Platform is impelled to wage its scientific ideological warfare more sharply and militantly.

Having insisted that Russia is imperialist and defined the war in Ukraine as an 'inter-imperialist war', the international factionalist and opportunist groups are now repeating their error, defining China as imperialist and declaring that the imminent war in Taiwan will also be one of inter-imperialist rivalries. They even declare the DPRK to be a capitalist country because it has some elements of the market and conducts trade. Following the logic of their argument that every capitalist country is imperialist, they finally define North Korea as imperialist and consider the imminent war in South Korea as another result of

inter-imperialist rivalries. Despite the fine words and insinuating looks, the counter-revolutionary nature of international factionalist and opportunist forces has already been exposed. Proven by the Caracas international conference in Latin America, there is no sincere communist or anti-imperialist force on that continent that regards Russia and China as imperialist, and defines the war in Ukraine as an ‘inter-imperialist war’. And we find the same in Asia and Africa. As time goes by, the errors of the opportunists are being revealed by practice and theory, becoming ever more obvious. It is inevitable that the promoters of these ideas will become more and more isolated in the world.

Aiming to spread world anti-imperialist mass struggle, to conduct an ideological warfare against the international factionalist and opportunist forces, and to strengthen the international communist movement, we will make every effort to remain at the forefront of this struggle. We will go forward resolutely, follow the direction of revolutionary science, hold higher the banner of the just anti-imperialist war, and keep shouting powerfully the two slogans proven by our history and practice: “Proletarians of all countries, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated!”.

The struggle of our united people will transform the period of great upheaval that we are experiencing into a period of great transition in near future, and will ultimately be developed into a period of great uprising. As we mark the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Soviet forces at Stalingrad, we are convinced both scientifically and with our all hearts that a great victory is on the horizon—one that will echo and even surpass the victory of the popular forces in the second world war.

The revolutionary forces of the world are firmly united under the banner of anti-imperialism and fighting for the final victory!

Contribution to the conference in Athens, organized by the Revolutionary Unification, on June 10, 2023

The Balkans and the Korean Peninsula share an important historical commonality from the 20th century: they both fell victim to the Cold War and suffered from massacres and fascism. Fascism here does not refer to a variant of imperialism but to one of the two main methods used by imperialism to rule through neocolonial proxy regimes: either fascism or neoliberalism. Specifically, Greece is the only country in the Balkans that was thwarted in its march towards socialism and shrouded in the madness of fascism. This is exactly the same as South Korea on the Korean Peninsula which was prevented from moving to a new stage of social development after World War 2 and had to go through the ordeal of civil war and fascism. As a consequence, their social movements were dialectically strengthened, which explains why today, facing a new world war, these two countries have become the most important hotbeds of social revolution. We held the international conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform last December in Belgrade, Serbia, which inherited the tradition of Yugoslavia and shares in

the important history of the Balkans, and today we are holding an equally important conference in Athens, Greece. It is no coincidence that these events are taking place here.

South Korea is on the eve of war. While the war in Ukraine broke out in Eastern Europe in 2022, the war in South Korea and Taiwan is imminent in East Asia in 2023. At the root of this situation, where it would not be surprising if war started now, is the imperialist's aggressive provocation. As we know, since the 20th century, imperialism has been solely responsible for wars, whether these were global or local wars. World War 1, World War 2, the Korean War, the Vietnamese War, the Iraq War, and the Syrian War were all waged by imperialism.

The ongoing war in Ukraine is no different. The US imperialist-orchestrated Maidan coup in 2014 and the NATO-backed eight-year massacre in Donbass from 2014 to 2022 were a combination of imperialist manipulation and fascist brutality and a thoroughly planned provocation to invade Russia. It is no longer a secret that US imperialism, under Brezinsky's infamous "Grand Chessboard Strategy," has been supporting neo-Nazi forces, including the Azov Regiment, and manipulating "False Flag" operations and "fake news" while waiting for a decisive moment. Naturally, Russia had no choice but to make an urgent decision, faced with the possibility of being dissolved like Yugoslavia by imperialist aggression, so the "Special Military Operation" began, and now "real war" is just around the corner as declared on May 9th, Victory Day. Imperialist provocations, specifically NATO's provocations using Ukraine, will continue to intensify, and Russia will take a defensive stance and make a decisive counterattack at some point. It is no longer a secret that

the counterattack is linked to the war in East Asia.

North Korea and China respectively conducted the three-day operations in November 2022 and April 2023. North Korea even repeated the first day's operation plan on the 4th day. Of course, both North Korea and China conducted these military exercises in self-defense, as a countermeasure against the aggressive imperialist war including all US imperialist and political provocations. Last year, in particular, North Korea responded to the nearly daily nuclear war drills which were part of the massive US-Japan-South Korea joint air exercise called "Vigilant Ace" in November, combining an unprecedented 500 combat aircraft maneuvers, with test launches of various missiles. China responded to President Tsai Ing-wen's visit to the United States in April. China responded to the US House Speaker's visit to Taiwan in August last year with missile tests and naval military exercises encircling Taiwan, and North Korea also test-fired two tactical nuclear cruise missiles toward Okinawa, a US military base that could be used in a war in Taiwan. It is now common knowledge, even in conservative media, that if either one of the South Korean or Taiwan wars breaks out, the other will automatically follow. Recently, Yonhap, a representative South Korean news agency, reported that China's gold buying and its US treasury bond selling are at an all-time high, and in particular, pointed out that its arms exports in the past five years have decreased by 23 percent from the previous five years, drawing a parallel to the fact that the Ukraine war broke out when Russia's exports decreased by 31 percent over an equivalent period. It also emphasized the fact that while the 30-year confrontation between North Korea and the United States

from the early 1990s eventually led to a prevailing peace, the recent period has been completely different.

In fact, recently, the imperialist powers held a G7 meeting in Hiroshima from May 19 and 21 to prompt the finalization of the formation of an Asian version of NATO. Even Zelensky participated in the meeting, during which the aggressive intentions to expand the Ukrainian war in Eastern Europe to the South Korean and Taiwan wars in East Asia, and more blatantly, their “proxy war” and “hybrid war” methods based on the “New Cold War” strategy, were exposed. In response, China has sought to develop relations with the five Central Asian countries, and Russia has sent a delegation headed by its Prime Minister to strengthen strategic ties between the two countries. This is in line with President Xi Jinping’s diplomatic campaign, which included visits to Saudi Arabia at the end of last year and Russia this year, as well as inviting French President Emmanuel Macron and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to China this year. The strategic development of relations among the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, centered on the relationship between China and Russia, is particularly marked by the unity of the Arab world, led by Saudi Arabia, and the agitation of Western Europe, including France. In short, the weakening imperialist powers are trying to turn the situation into a new war, while the anti-imperialist line between the socialist North Korea, China, and the capitalist countries, including Russia, is strengthening at various levels.

In particular, North Korea changed its stance from “power for power and goodwill for goodwill” to “power for power” in response to the US dual-track policy. Specifically, since the

8th Party Congress in 2021, North Korea has proposed and implemented a “new path,” that is, “non-peaceful independence and peaceful reunification,” which is to solve the problem of independence non-peacefully and then solve the problem of reunification peacefully. This means that if the US and South Korea continue to conduct war maneuvers against North Korea, the North will eventually eliminate the South’s government and military warmongers through the non-peaceful use of self-defensive armed force, declaw the US military, prevent Japanese military intervention, liquidate the pro-American and pro-Japanese forces in the South, and establish a democratic government in the South to achieve peaceful federal reunification with the socialist government in the North. If this happens, from the viewpoint of the North, the war in South Korea will be a war against the US military, which entered the South as an occupation army and retains control of the South’s operational authority; a war of national liberation and national reunification; and a just war in which Korea, which has been a single nation for half a millennium, will be united again. By contrast, it will be an imperialist and unjust war from the US side.

Despite this truth, some communist forces, such as the Communist Party of Greece, characterize South Korea as imperialist and the war in South Korea as an inter-imperialist war. This is because they also view the socialist North as imperialist.

This absurd view is not a theory, but a pseudo-theory, a bizarre and crude concept that is being spread by the Communist Party of Greece under the name of the “theory of imperialist

pyramid.” First of all, this revisionist theory, which denies the core content of Lenin’s “Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism”, views all capitalism as imperialism. As a result, it denies the significance of the anti-imperialist national liberation revolutions in the oppressed countries and the tactics of antifascist front during World War 2, and insists only on class liberation and socialist revolution. In the end, the line of the Communist Party of Greece, which advocates this petit-bourgeois theory rooted in Kautskyism, Trotskyism, and postmodernism, is revisionism and opportunism, and the current Communist Party of Greece is driving international sectarianism that is dividing other parties with its false theories. With the rise of Khrushchev’s modern revisionism and the removal of Nikos Zachariadis and other revolutionaries from the party, it seems that revisionism and opportunism began to crystallize in the Communist Party of Greece. Of course, we must distinguish between revisionism within the Communist Party of Greece and the Communist Party of Greece itself. It is not the Communist Party of Greece itself that we oppose, but the revisionism and opportunism within the Communist Party of Greece.

Since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in February 2022, the Communist Party of Greece has become more convinced of the “theory of imperialist pyramid”, imposing this false line on the international communist movement and deepening divisions. Amidst this urgent situation and conscious of the gravity of the problems, the World Anti-imperialist Platform was launched in October 2022 with an international conference in Paris, France, with three goals: anti-imperialist mass struggle, ideological

warfare, and strengthening the international communist movement. With organizing international conferences and the world anti-imperialist struggle as its basic methods, the World Anti-imperialist Platform is stridently achieving its fundamental goals by holding events in Belgrade, Serbia in December 2022, in Caracas, Venezuela in March 2023, and in Gwangju and Seoul, South Korea in May.

We are convinced that the harder a flint is struck, the brighter it shines, and that the militant practical struggle and sharp ideological struggle of the World Anti-imperialist Platform will continue to shine brighter and brighter, contributing to the correction of errors within the world anti-imperialist movement and the international communist movement and strengthening the new tide of unity. Taking the scientific ideas of the working class, proven by history and practice, as our revolutionary conviction, and chanting the slogans “Workers of the world, unite!” and “The people united will never be defeated!” we will continue to struggle unflinchingly in the face of all trials and difficulties, in firm solidarity with the revolutionary forces in the world, including the comrades of the Greek revolution, and advance and realize the day of final victory.

The three major goals of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform

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When the World Anti-Imperialist Platform (the Platform) was founded, three major goals were stipulated. These were: the strengthening of the anti-imperialist struggle, the strengthening of the ideological struggle within the anti-imperialist and communist movements, and the strengthening of the world's communist forces. These are the most important goals according with the essential character of the Platform, and they are closely related.

Since its establishment in Paris, France in October 2022, the Platform has devoted its energies to these three major goals by holding international conferences and by organizing demonstrations and rallies alongside its other activities—in Belgrade, Serbia in December 2022; in Caracas, Venezuela in March 2023; and in Gwangju and Seoul, South Korea in May 2023.

The first goal of the Platform is to promote the anti-imperialist struggle.

This is the most important goal of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform. Strengthening the world anti-imperialist struggle means strengthening such struggles in one's own domestic country as well as coordinating with other anti-imperialist struggles around the world. The anti-imperialist struggle of each country and the corresponding anti-imperialist struggle on a worldwide level are in a dialectical relationship between the individual and the general.

“Anti-imperialism” means opposing the forces of imperialism. In this sense, “opposing” means not only opposing the imperialists’ policy, but also the existence of the imperialist system itself. It means fighting until all traces of imperialism are eliminated. And “opposing” does not only mean the negation of the physical existence of imperialism but also the affirmation of the existence of an opposite to imperialism—a commitment to socialism.

This is not antifascism; it is anti-imperialism. In the second world war, the antifascist forces won victory by forming antifascist fronts on a global scale. Today, when the third world war is imminent, the front that must be organized globally is an anti-imperialist one, although this does not preclude the formation of antifascist fronts in particular countries or regions. It is worth remembering that fascism during the second world war was just one variant of imperialism, a way to maintain the dominance of the imperialist ruling classes over their domestic populations during a period of intense class struggle. The fascism that we see in the world today, by contrast, is exported by the imperialists to their puppet states in the oppressed and colonized countries that are subordinate to imperialism.

In the current conditions, imperialism is the main target of our attack, while fascism is an auxiliary target.

Various forms of struggle must be combined. We need to always pay attention to the combination of political struggle and economic struggle; legal struggle and semi-legal struggle; large-scale struggle and small and medium-scale struggle; focused struggle and decentralized struggle; daily struggle and struggle at particular opportunities; spearheading struggle and mass struggle.

The second goal of the Platform is to intensify ideological warfare.

The targets of ideological warfare are revisionism, opportunism and sectarianism. Revisionism denies the revolutionary essence of Marxism-Leninism, opportunism sells out the long-term interests of the revolution to the short-term interests of all or a few and commits Right and “Left” errors, while sectarianism divides our ranks. Revisionism is an ideological problem, opportunism is a matter of political line, and sectarianism is an organizational problem. Revisionism, opportunism and sectarianism are closely interrelated as three aspects of the same entity. They are all effects of the capitalist class’s pressure on the struggle of the working class, and tend towards bringing about a split in the ranks of socialism, thus neutralizing us as a major force in world politics.

Today, the main focus of the Platform’s ideological warfare is the sectarian opportunism of the Communist Party of Greece (KKE). The leadership of the KKE has fallen into the trap of revisionism, since it expelled the sincere revolutionary

general secretary Nikos Zachariadis and his revolutionary comrades from the party in 1957 under the influence of Nikita Khrushchev, the ringleader of modern revisionism. In recent times, the KKE has caused confusion and division within the communist ranks inside or outside its own country, engaging in severe Right and “Left” opportunism and sectarianism.

“Solidnet”, the authoritative solidarity network in the international communist movement, has virtually finished its life as it has failed to fulfill its periodic, political and organizational duty owing to the sectarian opportunism of its principal organizer, the KKE. This is comparable to the failure of the Second International to fulfill its role because of the opportunism of Karl Kautsky and others, and its end with the first world war.

Will the KKE’s theory of the “imperialist pyramid” surpass in infamy Kautsky’s theory of “Ultra-imperialism”? Just as Kautsky drew on English bourgeois economist JA Hobson’s ideas about “Inter-imperialism”, so the KKE’s pyramid theory is tainted by petty-bourgeois theories, including Trotskyism, defining all capitalist countries as having some level of imperialist development and stating that “every capitalist country in the world without exception, constitute the imperialist pyramid”. (“On Imperialism—The Imperialist Pyramid” by Aleka Pappariga, 2013)

The KKE has had the temerity to revise the very title of Lenin’s epoch-defining work “Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism” of 1916. In the history of revisionism, it is rare to find such an audacious case of revising even the title of a book. In this sense, Lenin’s foresight in emphasizing the importance

of “stage” in the title shines through. Like this, the “Imperialist pyramid” theory denies “stages” and thus denies any tactics in the revolutionary movement.

It is no coincidence that the KKE, as Trotsky also did, denounces the Comintern’s tactic of organizing an international united front against fascism, denies the revolutionary nature and existence of national liberation struggles in the oppressed world, and committed left-opportunist errors during the popular uprising in its own country in the early 2010s.

It no longer surprises anyone that Dimitris Koutsoúmbas, the general secretary of the KKE, in an interview with the mainstream media in May, likened Russia’s special military operation to NATO’s bombing of Yugoslavia. The war in Ukraine has brought to the fore the ideological problems of the KKE. It is the nature of such opportunism as that of the KKE’s leadership to betray Leninism while quoting Lenin’s words; to recycle the words and justifications of the NATO imperialists while claiming to be against imperialism; and to immerse itself in Eurocommunism while condemning it.

The problem is that the leadership of the KKE, as revisionists and opportunists have historically done, incites other parties to follow the same path of revisionism and opportunism, and if they refuse, it intervenes in them organizationally to break them up. These criminal acts, which have taken place countless times, from Spain a few years ago to Argentina this year, objectively confirm that the KKE is the leading international sectarian force dividing the international communist movement today.

The Platform fights not against the KKE itself but against the revisionism, opportunism and sectarianism of its leadership.

The leadership of KKE opposes Leninism while referring to Leninism, opposes revolution while referring to revolution, and opposes anti-imperialism while referring to anti-imperialism. Thus the ideological warfare against the revisionism, opportunism and sectarianism of the KKE's leadership ends with an accurate description of Leninism, revolution and anti-imperialism. In this sense, the recent decision by the congress of the Communist Party of Belgium (PCB-CPB) is very encouraging.

The third goal of the Platform is to consolidate the international communist forces.

The reason we talk about consolidating not the communist parties but the communist forces is that the communist powers at present are not only organized in parties but also in other types of political organization.

As we know, after the 1990s, communist forces everywhere went through some very hard times. The prerequisite of the principle that there should be only one communist party in any given country is that the traditional communist party in each country should follow a correct revolutionary line and should play its historic role with consistency and dedication. But in reality, many parties did not do so. In the present conditions, it is an inescapable reality that militant communists in many countries have had to create alternative political organizations outside of the traditional party formation in order to conduct revolutionary activities.

In the global anti-imperialist struggle, not only communist but also many non-communist forces from oppressed countries can

join together under the banner of anti-imperialism. In this sense, to strengthen the world anti-imperialist struggle means creating a united front, with communists in the lead. Strengthening the forces of international communism in this united front context is like strengthening the revolutionary forces in any one country. It guarantees a better and more resolute leadership for the whole struggle. Strengthening the international communist forces in such a context is like strengthening the party in a domestic context.

Just as the relationship of a party and a united front can be compared to the relationship of the vanguard and the transmission belts in one country, so the international communist forces and the world anti-imperialist forces have to build the relationship of the locomotive and the rail cars of this struggle 'train' on a global scale, metaphorically speaking. In other words, the international communist forces must further develop their role within the world anti-imperialist movement as a vanguard that can put forward the correct line and powerfully organize and mobilize the people. While the anti-imperialist struggle targets maximum force against the primary enemy, the communist movement aims to build a vanguard for the masses' struggles, not only against imperialism, but for socialism, which is the only real solution to the problems facing humanity.

The international communist forces achieved great advances in the period of the great turn. The First International was formed after the February Revolution of 1848, the Second International after the Paris Commune of 1871 and the Third International after the Russian Revolution of 1917.

The first world war was the decisive trigger in exposing the

rotteness of the Second International, which had been steadily misled by Eduard Bernstein and Karl Kautsky after the death of Friedrich Engels. After the victory of the October Socialist Revolution in Russia, led by Lenin and the Bolsheviks, the Third International was built. During the period of the second world war, the Third International was dissolved for the reasons that the subjective forces of the revolution in each country had strengthened, and in order to facilitate the inclusion of the USA and Great Britain into the world antifascist front.

With the victory of the world antifascist front in the second world war, the international socialist camp was greatly enlarged, spreading across eastern Europe and east Asia, while national liberation movements in the oppressed world gained unstoppable momentum.

During the second world war, the “world antifascist front strategy” of Josef Stalin and Georgi Dimitrov was the most important stratagem leading to the victory of the antifascist forces, isolating the fascist camp and preventing the world’s imperialists from devouring the socialist USSR together.

Nowadays, the world anti-imperialist front that has been formed by the socialist DPRK and China with capitalist Russia and other countries should be regarded in a similar light as the world united front against fascism that the socialist Soviet Union created with the imperialist USA and Britain—as a force capable of smashing the main enemy and unleashing a new wave of revolutions in the world as the imperialist system falls ever deeper into crisis and fails to re-invigorate itself through new conquests in war.

In 2022, the Ukrainian war escalated in eastern Europe. When

war spreads to South Korea and Taiwan, it will be indisputable that the third world war has arrived. This world war, which has undoubtedly been provoked by the imperialist side, will bring about another period of great transition following the victory of the war of liberation in east Asia, decisively hastening the doom of the imperialist forces, and moving the world into a period of great upsurge.

The anti-imperialist struggle, ideological warfare and the communist forces are interconnected.

The anti-imperialist struggle is our practice, ideological warfare is our theory, and the communist forces are our organization. Anti-imperialist struggle and ideological warfare have the relationship of practice to theory, while ideological warfare and the communist forces have the relationship of theory to organization. The communist forces and the anti-imperialist struggle have the relationship of organization to practice.

In the present day, anti-imperialism is justice and pro-imperialism is injustice. History demands of us that the just anti-imperialist front and the just anti-imperialist war must be victorious. The proletariat and people of the world must be united under the banner of anti-imperialism and advance towards the final victory of socialist revolution.

In this serious moment, when the full outbreak of the third world war is imminent, the Platform will do its utmost to accomplish its sacred three-point goals of strengthening the anti-imperialist struggle, strengthening the ideological struggle, and strengthening the international forces of communism.

The character of the war

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Essence and characteristics are different but closely related. Each being or movement has innumerable characteristics, but their essential characteristic is the most important aspect that distinguishes them from one another. In short, essential characteristic corresponds to the "What" of 5W1H (what, who, where, when, why and how). To understand this "What", we need to answer the question of the "Why". "What" and "Why" are the two main components of a goal. Without knowing "What" and "Why", we can never know "How".

War is a struggle. The battle between those waging a just war and those waging an unjust war is one of the starkest class struggles. The highest level of class struggle is a revolutionary war, and the category of revolutionary war includes an anti-imperialist war.

What should we make of the Ukraine war that broke out in eastern Europe in 2022? This is a question about the character of the war in Ukraine. More specifically, a question about its essential character. In other words: what is the war in Ukraine,

and why did it happen?

The simple and clear answer is that it is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a liberation war, and a preventive war. This describes the war from the anti-imperialist camp's viewpoint, and directly, from the standpoint of Russia. For Russia's opponents, the war has the opposite character.

The war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war. Waged by Russia, it is an anti-imperialist war against imperialist NATO and also an antifascist war against the Ukrainian fascist forces, puppets of imperialist NATO. Russia called the war in Ukraine a "special military operation" at the beginning of the war in February 2022 and revealed three goals: denazification, demilitarization, and protection of its population.

The elimination of the Azov battalion in Mariupol in May 2022 was an example of the denazification, the seizure of an underground arsenal in Bakhmut in May 2023 was an example of the demilitarization, and the merger of Lugansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhia, and Kherson was an example of protection of the population.

Further, President Putin first referred to the conflict as a "war" in December last year and did so again at the Victory Day ceremony on 9 May this year. While the war in Ukraine appears to be a war between the Russian and Ukrainian armies, but it is in reality a war between Russia and NATO. The actual operational direction of the Ukraine's military forces lies with NATO, and its soldiers are trained and its weapons are mainly provided by NATO. Other NATO forces are also directly and indirectly involved in the war in Ukraine in various forms and ways, whether as commanders or soldiers. Without NATO's

involvement, the war in Ukraine would have been over long ago. In fact, it would never have started.

The war in Ukraine is a liberation war. It did not begin in 2022 but in 2014. Its roots go as far back as 1991, with the counter-revolution in the Soviet Union and eastern European socialist bloc. Indeed, the imperialist's plan to use Ukraine against Russia goes back to the 1950s and even earlier.

NATO's eastward expansion policy since 1991 is one of the root causes of the war in Ukraine, and the Maidan coup in 2014 and the subsequent eight years of fascist genocide against the Russian people is one of the direct causes of the war in Ukraine. Therefore, from Russia's point of view, the war in Ukraine is a liberation war to free the Russians and the Ukrainian people from fascist and beastly repression.

The war in Ukraine is a preventive war. The imperialist powers have continuously pursued isolation, division, and collapse strategies against Russia. From the infamous "grand chessboard" strategy of Zbigniew Brzezinski to NATO's eastward expansion policy and a succession of engineered "color revolutions" to depose independent-minded or Russia-friendly governments in former socialist countries.

In February 2022, NATO was secretly propelling its forces towards a full-scale invasion of the besieged Donbass. Its attack forces were based in Mariupol and spearheaded by the neo-nazi Azov battalion. NATO, which had already invaded and dismantled Yugoslavia in the 1990s, was working on such a plan, so naturally, Russia had no choice but to prepare.

There is a view that defines the war in Ukraine as an inter-imperialist war. The premise of the argument is that Russia is an

imperialist country, fighting in Ukraine for colonies and spheres of influence. According to this view, Russia is no different in essence to the imperialist leaders of NATO, namely the United States and western Europe.

This view rests on an unscientific characterization of Russia's social character, which in turn is based on a wrong understanding of imperialism. The most egregious case of this erroneous reasoning can be found in the theory of the "Imperialist Pyramid" put forward by the Communist Party of Greece (KKE).

Russia is not an imperialist but a capitalist country with lots of socialist heritage. At the beginning of the retreat from socialism to capitalism, under the regime of Boris Yeltsin, Russia even degenerated into a colony of US and European imperialism. Since then, the country has mainly exported resources not capital. Russia is not a country that lives primarily by exporting capital, importing raw materials and plundering colonies for superprofits, quite the reverse.

The relationship between Russia's politics and economy is also completely different from that of an imperialist country. In Russia, political circles take the initiative above the economic circles. Many companies, especially in the energy sector, are nationalized in Russia, and they implement the policy of voluntary deviation in which nationalized companies provide cheap supplies to the people and bear their own losses. This is also related to Russia's socialist heritage.

This is one of the reasons why Russia has not deviated from the line of anti-imperialism even though it is not a communist and internationalist country. Especially in recent years, Russia has

joined the unitary anti-imperialist front, along with North Korea and China, and never derailed or wavered from it.

In 2023, the probability of the spread of war in eastern Europe and the outbreak of war in East Asia is rising. In East Asia, Taiwan and South Korea are the most likely places for wars to break out. When the wars materialize, we should call them the Taiwanese War and the South Korean War. An agreement between the President of North Korea, Kim Il Sung and the Premier of China, Zhou Enlai in 1961 states that when war in either Taiwan or South Korea breaks out, the other will immediately follow. The prerequisite for this agreement is that it has to be an anti-imperialist war. In the current context, it is clear that such a war will have anti-imperialist character. So it can be affirmed that they will happen almost immediately.

The wars in Taiwan and South Korea are anti-imperialist wars, national liberation wars and national reunification wars. Concretely, a war in South Korea is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, when we consider the common point with a war in Taiwan, it is an anti-imperialist war.

The wars in Taiwan and South Korea are anti-imperialist wars. They are anti-imperialist wars in which China and North Korea are ostensibly fighting the Taiwanese and South Korean authorities respectively, but in reality they are fighting US imperialism, the true ruling power in Taiwan and South Korea.

The imperialist camp includes Japanese militarism and European imperialism which follow US imperialism. Unlike Taiwan, South Korea is a fascist society. It really has fascist evil laws such as the National Security Act and repressive institutions such as the National Intelligence Service. The

regime of Yoon Suk-yeol is escalating fascistization by repressing political parties and conducting anti-communist campaigns in South Korea. It describes North Korea as the “main enemy”, insisting on its right to make a “preemptive nuclear strike” and holding huge nuclear war exercises one after another.

Recently, it joined in forming the US-Japan-South Korea trilateral military alliance to create an Asian version of the NATO. Clearly, the war in South Korea has a relatively more antifascist character compared to the war in Taiwan, so it should be considered both an anti-imperialist and an antifascist war.

The wars in Taiwan and South Korea are national liberation wars. Taiwan has been one with the Chinese mainland since the middle ages, and currently, only 1-2 percent of Taiwanese are ethnically Taiwan aboriginal. The vast majority of Taiwan’s people are Chinese. Meanwhile, Korea has been a single nation for over 5,000 years.

The war in Taiwan is a national liberation war to free the Chinese people living in Taiwan from the domination of foreign imperialist powers. The war in Korea is a typical national liberation war aimed at establishing the sovereignty of the Korean nation on a nationwide scale, not only in the north but also in the south, driving out the US army that entered South Korea as an occupying force in September 1945, and finally achieving the national liberation that was left incomplete in August 1945.

The wars in Taiwan and South Korea are national reunification wars. Taiwan and South Korea are the targets of the reunification, which is at the very heart of the both China’s and North Korea’s core interests. Taiwan was separated from the Chinese mainland

when Chiang Kai-shek fled to Taiwan, and South Korea was divided from the north by the US occupying forces. The people in Taiwan and South Korea have as a result had to suffer the pain of division for more than 70 years.

There is no more important task or need for the Chinese and Koreans than resolving this issue of their countries' division. There are many ethnic nations in the world that have been divided by foreign powers, and Korea is a representative example. That is why the war in Korea will be a representative national reunification war.

North Korea describes the war in South Korea as the "South Korean Liberation War". This reflects North Korea's recognition that it had already been liberated on 15 August 1945 and its determination to complete the victory that was only partially achieved on 27 July 1953. This concept also implies a national liberation war and a national reunification war. Thus, the concept of the South Korean Liberation War centers on the goal of the war rather than the target of the war—that is, national liberation and national reunification rather than anti-imperialism and antifascism.

Anti-imperialist, antifascist, liberation, preventive, national liberation and national reunification wars are all just wars. The character of the war is defined depending on one's position. In this respect, for Marxists and anti-imperialists, the just character of these wars is historically, morally and scientifically proven and undeniable.

As we know, WW1 was an inter-imperialist war, WW2 was an antifascist war. Following the war in Ukraine, if wars break out in Taiwan and South Korea, WW3 will be in full swing. The

common point of the wars in Ukraine, Taiwan, South Korea is that they are anti-imperialist wars. Absolutely, WW3, the anti-imperialist war, is a just war as like WW2, the antifascist war.

A just war may not necessarily be won, but political and moral superiority is undoubtedly one of the main factors that assist in it towards victory. If you have the way and means to achieve the goal of justice—namely, a strong army and exceptional operations—the chances of victory are close to perfection. And if the goal of justice is achieved, humanity has the opportunity to take a great leap forward.

We will fight together and win together

Contribution to the Commemoration of the 58th anniversary of the massacres in Indonesia, on September 8, 2023, published in the "Platform" No.5

Indonesia's tragedy is our tragedy. The tragedy is to suffer, whether we are the people of a colony or the workers of an imperialist country. For as long as imperialism exists, the tragedies like that suffered by the Indonesian people will be repeated many times. In order to liberate themselves from invasion, subjugation, genocide, oppression, exploitation and suffering, all the peoples of the world must fight to the end against the imperialists and their proxies.

The Indonesian Communist Party, once the third-largest in the world, has experienced periods of rise and fall since its founding in 1920, but the indomitable Indonesian communist and working people had to suffer the greatest hardship in 1965. In the wake of an infamous "false flag" operation—of the kind that the imperialist powers and their proxies are accustomed to using all over the world—a regime-change operation was effected. Sukarno was replaced by Suharto and a massacre of communists and pro-Sukarno forces was perpetrated.

The dead were never counted, but it is believed that 800,000

party members were done to death in this horrific bloodbath of progressive forces. More than one million people were imprisoned, more than 1,000 were exiled abroad, and more than three million workers and peasants were massacred in total nationwide. Anyone who was thought to have sympathy for the communists was a target during this US-directed massacre—a slaughter comparable to the crimes against the humanity committed by the Nazis during WW2.

We are confident that the communists and working people in Indonesia will rise like a phoenix and surely rebuild the communist party, creating a new people-centered society where the working people become the masters of their country and means of production, where everything serves the needs of the working people. We are also sure that they will drive out imperialism, liquidate its puppets and realize a true people's democracy where there will be no more slavery or genocide.

Strongly believing in the truth of history, in the dialectical law of the negation of the negation, which shows how progress is achieved through contradictions and vicissitudes, we are convinced that the tragic misfortune in the history of Indonesia will ultimately be transformed into its fortune. We are certain that this is the path of human history, and that all of the people of the world will follow this path.

Indonesia is a part of Asia and of the world. The revolution in each country is a part of the world revolution. The individual and the universal are closely related as one. When the Indonesian revolution goes forward, so does the world revolution, and vice versa (when the world revolution is progressing, the Indonesian revolution is, too). Our revolution is a revolution that advances

to the full realization of people's independence in their country, also that of advancing to the full realization of all humanity's independence through achieving global independence. Every communist must be an internationalist, and a true internationalist must be a communist.

At present, the biggest and most important event in the world is the war in Ukraine. This war, which was escalated in Eastern Europe in 2022, is on the verge of spreading into wars in Taiwan and South Korea in East Asia. Today, in 2023, the probabilities of the spread of war in Eastern Europe and of the outbreak of war in East Asia are rising. When war breaks out in East Asia, it will become clear that we are in a world war. History will record that the third world war began in Eastern Europe in February 2022 and came into full swing with the breakout of war in East Asia.

Taiwan is in the middle of East Asia, and South Korea is to its north. Indonesia is to its south. If war breaks out in the East and Northeast of Asia, and WW3 becomes full-blown, Indonesia will not be left out. In fact, the president of the Philippines said during a recent visit to Japan that the Philippines would be involved if a war breaks out in Taiwan.

It has been reported that, besides the Philippines, Indonesia is preparing an operation to evacuate those of its citizens who are presently living in Taiwan. The USA also conducted an evacuation exercise last May. The USA, which suffered the unforgettable nightmare of being expelled from North Vietnam and Afghanistan, has a clear case of "evacuation trauma".

Wars in Taiwan and South Korea are most likely to break out simultaneously. An agreement to this effect was signed in 1961 between the President of the DPRK, Kim Il Sung

and the Premier of China, Zhou Enlai, and was apparently reaffirmed when President Xi Jinping visited North Korea to meet Chairman Kim Jong Un in 2019. If one is pulled into a war against US imperialism, the other will automatically follow, forcing US imperialism to wage its war on two battlefields simultaneously—Taiwan and South Korea.

With NATO also running the war in Ukraine, the USA will in fact have to fight in three theaters, since it is the main, directing force within the NATO “alliance”. Moreover, not only Russia, but also China and the DPRK are nuclear and missile powers armed with all kinds of advanced weapons, including hydrogen bombs and tactical nuclear bombs, and with various sort of missile, including hypersonic missiles unrivalled by western armouries.

These three countries, which have been superhumanly patient in the face of imperialist provocations, have said that they will not stand for it anymore and have launched a decisive counterattack, beginning with Russia’s special military operation to stop NATO’s advance into Ukraine. If the wars over Taiwan and South Korea break out soon, US imperialism will have to fight a fierce war on three battlefields against the three nuclear and missile powers.

Moreover, these wars are all expeditionary, making them very unfavorable to US imperialism. Above all, the anti-imperialist, national liberation and preventive war being waged by Russia and the anti-imperialist, national liberation and reunification wars being forced onto China and the DPRK are clearly just wars, with progress and socialist justice on their sides. Thus Russia, China, and North Korea have launched or are preparing to launch wars that are superior not only militarily and

technologically but also politically and morally.

Whereas WW1 was an inter-imperialist war and WW2 was an antifascist war, WW3 will be characterized as an anti-imperialist war. The imperialist powers are increasingly jeopardizing their position through waging this world war and are on the path of decline and destruction. As a result of WW1, the world's first socialist country emerged, and as a result of WW2, the number of socialist countries increased more than tenfold, and the progressive and revolutionary movements reached an unprecedented high. WW3 will deal a decisive blow to imperialism and bring about a new phase of history and revolution.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform, which emerged in the present period of great transformation and turn of history, will fulfill the mission of justice dictated by our times. It will realize the three goals of waging anti-imperialist struggle on worldwide scale, of conducting a fierce ideological struggle against opportunism, and of strengthening the international communist forces, taking the lead in promoting revolution in each country and global independence movements worldwide.

We believe in the slogans “Workers of the world, unite!” and “The people united will never be defeated!”. We are convinced of the scientific truth, the truth of revolution; that the united struggle of the working people, led by the working class, will be victorious. We will stand firmly united with the working people and the communists in Indonesia, stand firmly against our common enemies, and remain firmly committed to the ultimate achievement of a brilliant victory together.

Under the banner of anti-imperialism, let us eliminate the source of war and bring forward the final victory

Contribution to the International Forum organized by the Pole of Communist Revival in France (PRCF), at the Fête de l'Humanité in Paris, on September 17, 2023

On September 13, 2023, North Korean Chairman Kim Jong Un and Russian President Putin have held talks at the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Russia. The leaders of the two countries, which have the weapons and resources needed by each other, shared views on the regional and global situation and agreed on strengthening more strategic cooperation in all fields including military and economy.

North Korea is no longer the country that had to endure an “arduous march” in the mid-to-late 1990s, just after the collapse of the Soviet Union, nor is Russia the country that degenerated into a colony of Western imperialism during the Boris Yeltsin era. Not surprisingly, socialist North Korea and capitalist Russia, which retains much of its socialist heritage, cooperate closely and fight on a single anti-imperialist front.

Last August, the US, Japanese, and South Korean leaders met at Camp David in the US and agreed to establish a de facto “Asian version of NATO.” South Korea has already supplied Ukraine with massive amounts of weapons including artillery shells and

tanks through the US and Poland.

South Korea's pro-US puppet president Yoon Suk-yeol, who attended the NATO summit in Madrid, Spain, in June 2022, the G7 summit in Hiroshima, Japan, in May 2023 and the NATO summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, in July 2023, has been making frantic efforts to form an Asian version of NATO and participate in nuclear war maneuvers against North Korea. Yoon Suk-yeol is pushing for the fascistization of South Korean society, following the example of the Ukrainian authorities. He tries to arrest the leader of the reformist opposition, accuses progressive parties of being "anti-state" and seeks to control the media at all costs.

In the face of the worst economic crisis and the ruin of people's livelihoods, the Yoon government, whose approval ratings have plummeted to 20% less than a year after taking office, seems to have no other option but fascistization and war.

As you know, the war broke out in Ukraine in 2022, and the war is imminent in South Korea in 2023. Whether it's the war in Ukraine that has already taken place or the war in South Korea that is about to happen, they all have one thing in common: they were triggered by imperialist provocations.

This is the same with the war in Taiwan. According to the agreement between North Korean President Kim Il Sung and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai in 1961 and the reaffirmation between North Korean President Kim Jung Un and Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2019, North Korea and China are bound to fight together automatically if one of them goes to war with imperialism. In other words, if the war breaks out in Taiwan, the war will follow in South Korea, and vice versa.

In short, as of September 2023, the risks of war spreading

in Eastern Europe and war breaking out in East Asia are increasing. Just as Ukraine threatened Russia by attempting to join NATO, Taiwan is threatening China by demanding its separation and independence, and South Korea is threatening North Korea by conducting nuclear war exercises. Zbigniew Brezinski's notorious "Grand chessboard strategy" and the "color revolutions," taking place everywhere, are not only against Russia but also against China. For China, Taiwan is the most core interest of all its core interests, a vital issue, just as Ukraine is "the Maginot Line" that Russia can no longer concede.

For China and North Korea, the war in Taiwan and the war in South Korea are just wars, as the anti-imperialist war regarding the target of struggle, the national liberation war and the national reunification war considering the purpose of struggle. For Russia, the Ukraine war is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war against NATO and neo-Nazi authorities, the targets of struggle. It is a liberation war to save the Russian people from oppression and massacres by the neo-Nazi groups. It is a just war since it is a preventive war to defend against the invasion of Western imperialist, trying to turn Russia into a second Yugoslavia. There can be no doubt that scientific analysis of the situation and the establishment of a revolutionary strategy, unshakable in the face of all propaganda, are essential tasks for the communist forces.

Under the condition that war in Ukraine has already broken out in Eastern Europe, if the wars in Taiwan and South Korea begin, it certainly will become the Third World War. In that case, the war in Ukraine will have been the start of the Third World War, and the wars in Taiwan and South Korea will be written in

human history as the point that the Third World War enters full swing.

Imperialist forces are trying to make a new confrontational structure confrontation by means of a limited war, i.e. a local, proxy and hybrid war, while sacrificing Ukraine, Taiwan and South Korea. Imperialist forces, which waged the “Cold War” right after the Second World War, are scheming the “New Cold War” through the Third World War. Those imperialist forces, which kid themselves with the victory in the “Cold War,” have a foolish delusion that they can also win in the “New Cold War.”

Having already demonized Russia, the imperialist forces are embarking on a dangerous and desperate adventure to escape from the unprecedented political and economic crisis by demonizing not only North Korea, but also China, which has grown into a global power that threatens the US’s global hegemony.

As one and a half years of war in Ukraine proves, the tactic of isolating and weakening Russia has been indubitably defeated. Russia has become stronger militarily, politically and economically, and the US and Europe have been troubled with their opposite situation.

Imperialist forces are trying to deny the fact that not only are China but also North Korea nuclear and missile powers like Russia, but that reality is reality. The imperialist strategy of NATO without the US—that is, Western imperialism fighting Russia in Eastern Europe, while the US and Japan fight China and North Korea in East Asia—is not certain to win, even by their strategic simulation. The strategy that imperialist forces, including the US will defeat three rivals simultaneously in three

battlefields (Ukraine, Taiwan, South Korea) is totally reckless. The very concept of proxy war means wearing down the adversary rather than defeating it.

The progress of the Second World War as an antifascist war over the First World War as an inter-imperialist war is fully demonstrated by the fact that it enabled the transition from a small number of socialist states to the emergence of numerous socialist states on a global scale. In fact, the imperialist powers did not dare to wage an inter-imperialist war after the Second World War.

When the Third World War is in full swing and the defeat of imperialism becomes more evident not only in Eastern Europe but also in East Asia, humanity will sense and be inspired by the new political situation of the new great upsurge on a global scale, identical to the period of the Second World War. In this sense, it is undeniable that the present era is a period of great turn in human history.

Based on the scientific analysis of this international political situation, the World Anti-imperialist Platform (the Platform) emerged in October last year in Paris, France, calling for anti-imperialist struggle on a global scale. For this reason, the three main goals of the Platform are the anti-imperialist mass struggle, the anti-opportunism ideological battle and the reinforcement of international communist forces.

The Platform held international conferences last December in Belgrade, Serbia, last March in Caracas, Venezuela and last May in Seoul, South Korea and carried out the world anti-imperialist joint struggle. Furthermore, it plans to hold an anti-imperialist event in Athens, Greece, this November, on the occasion of the

50 years of the Polytechnic University uprising which ended the military dictatorship, and is organizing large-scale anti-imperialist events in Africa and Middle East next year.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform will fight together and win together, especially with the people of the third world, who have been the direct victim of imperialism.

For us, the slogans that “Proletarians of all countries, unite!” and “People united will never be defeated!” are unshakable scientific convictions, despite any oppression and hardship. Holding high the banner of anti-imperialism and socialism, we firmly unite on one front against one common enemy, eliminate the root of war, and advance forward the day of the final victory, where the people become the real masters of society.

The final victory of the anti-imperialists is certain

Contribution to the International Theoretical Conference on Imperialism and War, organized by the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), on October 15, 2023, in Amsterdam

The current situation is, in short, World War 3. World War 3 began with the escalation of the war in Ukraine in February 2022. As of October 2023, the probabilities of the spread of war throughout Eastern Europe and of the outbreak of war in East Asia are very high, and a new war has already broken out in the Middle East (West Asia). In other words, World War 3 has started in Eastern Europe and spread through the Middle East to East Asia.

World War 1 was an inter-imperialist war, World War 2 was a global antifascist war, and World War 3 is a global anti-imperialist war. World War 2 initially unfolded as an inter-imperialist war but changed phase when the Soviet Union formed a world antifascist front with some imperialist countries. World War 1 resulted in the emergence of the first socialist country, and World War 2 led to the emergence of a worldwide socialist camp.

Lenin accomplished the historic feat of socialist revolution by winning the Russian Revolution. This was based on the lessons

of the Paris Commune with the scientific conviction that the weakest link in the chain of imperialism would be broken first as a result of the struggle between imperialist countries for colonies to seize super profits from them, enabled by the uneven development of capitalism in the stage of monopoly capitalism. In this process, Lenin's struggle against the revisionism of Bernstein and Kautsky in the Second International is a great example of an ideological struggle that goes down in the history of the world revolution.

As with the right-opportunist tendency of Bernstein and Kautsky, Trotsky's leftist opportunism posed another challenge to the international communist movement. The criterion of truth is practice. The great victory of Stalin's theory of socialism in one country and the world antifascist front, which inherited and innovated Lenin's theory of the victory of socialism in one country, dealt a fatal blow to Trotskyism, just as Lenin had struck a fatal blow to Kautskyism.

We note today that the absurd "imperialist pyramid" theory, which was given by the leadership of the Communist Party of Greece (KKE) in the early 2000's and elaborated in 2013 by the former General Secretary of KKE, Aleka Papariga, is no different in essence from Kautsky's "Ultra-imperialism" and that the KKE leadership's denial of any united front and overuse of ultra-revolutionary slogans have surpassed Trotsky's leftist opportunism. "Imperialist Pyramid" defines every capitalist country as imperialist without exception and defines one country as capitalist as long as it has a market and trade. According to this bizarre "theory", Iran, Venezuela, Rwanda, Mozambique, and even Cuba and North Korea are imperialist

countries. We are also outraged that the KKE leadership is trying to impose its revisionist and opportunist line on other parties, and when it fails, it splits them up, such as the Communist Party of People's of Spain, the Communist Party of Italy, the Communist Party of Bolivia, the Communist Party of Argentina, etc. The de facto organizer of SolidNet, a long-standing meeting of the Communist and the Workers' Party of the world, has raised this pseudo-theory and has led splits of the international communist movement in the wake of the war in Ukraine so that SolidNet is now completely divided into pro-KKE and anti-KKE forces, and its life is at stake. In addition, the leadership of the KKE recently unilaterally dissolved the European Communist Initiative, a long-standing coalition of European communist parties, once again drawing fierce criticism from within the international communist movement.

In the past, at the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in February 1956, Nikita Khrushchev decided on a revisionist line. The following year, staunch communists who opposed it, including Níkos Zachariadis, the general secretary of the KKE, were expelled from the KKE under the direction of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. From then on, the KKE leadership went down a thoroughly revisionist path, consistently supporting Gorbachev's "reform" policies. The historical roots of revisionism, opportunism, and sectarianism in the leadership of the KKE go back to the Khrushchev era when Zachariadis was expelled. The KKE under Zachariadis, which was at the height of the national liberation struggle and class liberation struggle and fought Khrushchev's revisionism to the death, should never be confused with the KKE under revisionists, opportunists and

sectarians, as they are essentially different.

Russia is a capitalist country that has a socialist legacy. In Russia, the financial oligarchs cannot control politics and the economy, and its resources are exported, and capital flows in from abroad. Gas and electricity are supplied to people cheaply by the policy of voluntary deviation. We have to keep in mind that Russia was essentially a colony of Western imperialism during the 1990s and early 2000s.

Based on the historical experience of the multiple invasions of Moscow, a capital city surrounded by plains, Russia established the policy of defensive expansionism in the military field, with the Carpathians, Caucasus, and Ural Mountains as the borders. In accordance with the strategy of Zbigniew Brzezinski's "the Grand Chessboard" the Western imperialist forces formed the anti-Russian front, encircling the Carpathians Mountains and connecting France-Germany-Poland-Ukraine and staging "color revolutions" around Russia, including Belarus, Georgia, and Kazakhstan. The most successful case was the Maidan coup in Ukraine in 2014. It is no longer a secret that the US and NATO set up, trained and armed the neo-Nazi forces including the Azov battalion in order to succeed an invasion of Donbass and to push into Russia. Russia, which was at risk of being torn apart like "another Yugoslavia," had no choice but to conduct the war in Ukraine against NATO and its stooge fascist forces.

It is true that China is a socialist country, with the formulation of socialism with Chinese characteristics. "Belt and Road Initiative" is a part of defensive expansionism in economic field to break through an imperialist forces' economic blockade against China. The Communist Party of China leads its country,

and the major means of production are nationalized. The nature of the “Belt and Road Initiative” policy is to break through the imperialist forces’ economic blockade policy against China. China doesn’t thoroughly stand fast to the classical principle of socialism like North Korea, but it doesn’t reject the principle of socialism itself. It is important to distinguish between what is true and what is false, between matters of principle and flexibility, strategy and tactics. In the end, it is the only practice that silences all debate.

Suppose Taiwan separates and becomes independent. In that case, dominoes of secession will follow in Hong Kong, Xizang (Tibet), Xinjiang, and Inner Mongolia. These are cunning schemes pursued relentlessly by the imperialist allies, including the US, to dismantle Chinese socialism, like the strategy of “the Grand Chessboard.” While the US decisively promotes the separation and independence of Taiwan, the reasons the US declares “the new Washington Consensus” and jumps the gun, saying “de-risking” is a deceptive scheme to blame China for the war in Taiwan. China must not permit the secession of Taiwan. The US has created this situation by strengthening the US-Taiwan diplomatic relations, by pushing the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi’s trip to Taiwan and the President of Taiwan, Tsai Ing-wen’s trip to the US. Like trains running towards each other, collisions are inevitable.

Socialism is socialism, and capitalism is capitalism. Socialism is a society in which the working people, including the working class, own the government and the means of production, and is led by a revolutionary party of the working class. In contrast, imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism, the eve of

socialism. Calling all capitalism imperialism, or even calling socialism imperialism, is today not just a theoretical error but the most severe practical error of all. It leads to the decisive error of characterizing the ongoing war in Ukraine as an inter-imperialist war and the impending war in Taiwan as an inter-imperialist war. Some communist camps are making the fatal mistake of struggling against Russia and China rather than NATO, the US, and imperialists, and defining the force behind the struggle as the target of the struggle and the allies as the enemy. It, in turn, supports US and European imperialism and NATO, and is an act to benefit the enemy against the anti-imperialist forces fighting against these imperialist forces. To say the least, even if you don't have a scientific view of imperialism and confuse expansionism with imperialism, the main enemy and main target of the people, including the working class, in the current world revolution is the US imperialism and NATO, a coalition of the US and European imperialist invasion forces. It is an obvious error to put US imperialism and China on the same level, NATO and Russia on the same level, or even to label China and Russia as the "emerging" to consider them the main enemy and target.

The war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a war of liberation and a preventive war. It is a war to liberate the people including ethnic Russians from the tyranny of the Ukraine fascist authority. It is a preventive war in response to the liberation of ethnic Russians and others from the tyranny of the Ukrainian fascist authorities and the war that was to follow as a result of NATO's eastern policy toward Russia. The wars both in Taiwan and South Korea are anti-imperialist, national

liberation, and national reunification wars. Therefore, it is clear who is on the side of justice and which war is a just war. The South Korean War is precisely an anti-imperialist, antifascist war. South Korean Yoon Suk-yeol, who came to power in May last year, is more of a fascist and belligerent than Poroshenko and Zelensky combined. The wars in Taiwan and South Korea are inextricably linked. If the Taiwan War breaks out, the South Korean War breaks out, and if the South Korean War breaks out, the Taiwan War breaks out. The agreement in 1961 between North Korean leader Kim Il Sung and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai was reaffirmed by President Xi Jinping during his visit to North Korea in 2019.

Socialist North Korea joined with socialist China first, and then socialist North Korea and China joined with capitalist Russia, which has a socialist heritage, to form a world anti-imperialist front. These three countries are all armed with nuclear and missile weapons. US and European imperialism can never win against these three countries at the same time.

Add to this the outbreak of war in the Middle East, and the anti-imperialist front is expanding to new level. In the Sahel region, the anti-France, anti-US, and anti-imperialist regime change are taking place and military tensions in Africa are increasing. The political and economic crisis of imperialism in Latin America, called “pink tide” is also deepening.

All unscientific theories and analyses that fail to see things as they are, in other words, materialistically and historically, structurally, namely, dialectically, will, in practice, be rapidly crushed as war intensifies. The unscientific concepts of imperialism and the petit-bourgeois ideas of revisionism and

opportunism will be dealt a decisive blow, both theoretically and practically.

The world is rapidly dividing into anti-imperialism and imperialism, justice and injustice. As historical experience proves, the final victory of the anti-imperialist camp, with not only its political and ideological superiority and but now also military superior position, is certain. As in the history of the last world war, there may be twists and turns along the way, but today's global cataclysmic period will be driven by the "unity of the proletariat of the world" and the "struggle of the united people" to move beyond the great transition period and into a great heightened period, we are going to keep pushing forward on the path where proletariat and people will become the masters of the regime and the means of production.

The final victory of the anti-imperialist struggle for sovereignty and peace is certain

Contribution to the International Rome Peace Conference, hosted by the International Initiative for Peace, on October 27, 2023

World War 3 is in full swing. Triggered by the war in Ukraine in 2022, World War 3 is spreading to Taiwan and South Korea and through Palestine in 2023. Today, the probability of contagion in Eastern Europe and an outbreak of war in Eastern Asia is increasingly likely. The current situation, where the war in Palestine is expanding into the Middle East, is definitely sparking wars in East Asia.

The root cause of all wars lies in imperialism. Imperialism is driving the world into a war crisis with “New Cold War” policy and war provocations in order to escape from the unprecedented political and economic crisis. Based on the “Grand Chessboard” strategy and NATO’s eastward policy, Imperialism has been plotting to make Russia a second Yugoslavia, using “Color Revolutions” and Neo-Nazi stormers. This is essentially no different from the strategy to disrupt China provoking a chain of separationist movements in Hong Kong, Xizang (Tibet), Xinjiang, and Inner Mongolia by completing a secession of Taiwan. “New Washington Consensus” and “De-risking” are

nothing more than deceptive ruses to shift the responsibility for war to China. Additionally, the US president, the Japanese prime minister, and the South Korean president met at Camp David in the US at the end of August to form an “Asian version of NATO,” and the war exercises against North Korea are being conducted daily in Korea with nuclear bombers and nuclear aircraft carriers. It is no coincidence that Yoon Suk-yeol, who is as fascist and belligerent as Poroshenko and Zelensky combined, took office in South Korea last year and that he is selling arms to Poland and intervening in the war in Ukraine.

Today, if either the war in Taiwan or in South Korea breaks out, the other will also automatically break out. In 1950, the Korean War broke out in the midst of the “Taiwanese War Crisis.” When the US army dragged 16 countries into the Korean War, the Chinese army had no choice but to join. As the South Korea-US Mutual Defense Treaty was concluded in 1953, North Korea and China agreed, in 1961, to stand together if either one was engaged in an anti-imperialist war. This agreement was reaffirmed in 2019 when Chinese President Xi Jinping visited North Korea to meet with Chairman Kim Jong Un. The recent North Korea-Russia summit in September and the China-Russia summit in October demonstrate that the strategic cooperative relationship between North Korea, China, and Russia is deepening and developing.

This situation, where the socialist countries such as North Korea and China and a capitalist country with a legacy of socialism, Russia, create an anti-imperialist front under the banner of anti-imperialism, is reminiscent of the time of the Second World War. Apart from the difference between the

world antifascist war and the world anti-imperialist war, there are lots of common points. Through the First World War, an inter-imperialist war, the first socialist country emerged, and through the Second World War, an antifascist war, the socialist camp emerged on a global scale. We have confidence that the Third World War, an anti-imperialist war, should be and can be the decisive strike against imperialism and the turning point to achieve global independence and peace. Palestinian people have already begun the strategic struggle to finish the occupation and domination for 75 years since 1948 and the historic struggle to realize freedom and liberation from the river to the sea.

While the war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a liberation war and preventive war, and the wars in Taiwan and South Korea are anti-imperialist wars, national liberation wars, and reunification wars, the war in Palestine is an anti-imperialist war, anti-Zionist war, and a liberation war. The final victory is always on the side of justice. Even though the progress is achieved through contradictions and vicissitudes, the just liberation war must win.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform was constituted, holding the banner of anti-imperialism high and announcing the “Paris Declaration” at the international conference in Paris, France, in Oct. 2022. Having clarified its three major goals as anti-imperialist mass struggle, ideological warfare against opportunism, and consolidation of the international communist forces, the World Anti-imperialist Platform held international events and anti-imperialist struggles in Belgrade, Serbia last December, and in Caracas, Venezuela last March, and in Seoul, South Korea last May and has strived to achieve these goals.

We, the People's Democracy Party and the World Anti-imperialist Platform, under the banners of "Workers' of the world, unite!" and "The people united will never be defeated!", will consistently struggle and progress without hesitation and wavering to change the period of the historic great-turn in which we now live into the new period of the great-upsurge, and to establish the new society where the working people become the master of the politics and the economy.

Anti-imperialist independent forces will certainly win the just war

Contribution to the Celebration for the 106th anniversary of the Great October Revolution, hosted by the Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist), in London, on November 4, 2023

World War 3 is underway. The war in Ukraine, which began with the Maidan coup in 2014, escalated with Russian Special Military Operation in 2022. As of 2023, the probabilities of expansion of the war in Eastern Europe and of outbreak of war in East Asia are rising. In addition, the recent outbreak of the war in Palestine and its immediate escalation into the war in the Middle East are further increasing military tensions in Eastern Europe and East Asia. The flames of World War 3 are spreading from Ukraine to Taiwan and South Korea through Palestine.

World War 1 was an inter-imperialist war. While the fact that the weak link in the chain of imperialism could be broken first with the colonial wars between imperialists was the objective condition favorable for the victory of the revolution, combining the Bolsheviks, armed with Leninism, with the Soviets was the subjective force, a decisive factor for the victory of the revolution. Lenin's theory of converting the inter-imperialist war into a domestic war and of thoroughly suppressing the counter-revolutionary forces was derived from the historical lessons of

the Paris Commune.

World War 2 was a world antifascist war. The Soviet Union won World War 2 by forming a world antifascist front with US-UK imperialism. While World War 1 created the first socialist country, World War 2 led to socialist camps on a global scale. After World War 2, the imperialist camps were put on the defensive as they declared the “Cold War” and colluded around US imperialism.

World War 3 is essentially similar to World War 2. It is not an inter-imperialist war like World War 1, but a continuation and succession of World War 2, a world antifascist war. This is because socialist North Korea and China form a world anti-imperialist front with capitalist Russia, which has a socialist heritage. The war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a liberation war, and a preventive war, and the war in Palestine is an anti-imperialist war, an anti-Zionist war, and a liberation war. The wars in Taiwan War and South Korea, if they break out, will be anti-imperialist wars, national liberation wars, and national reunification wars. It is definitely clear on which side the justice is.

In all ages, imperialism has always been the provocateur of war. Imperialism can never be exonerated from the responsibility of instigating or provoking war, not only in World War 1 and 2, but also in the Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraqi War, and the recent wars in Ukraine and Palestine.

Neo-Nazism of Zelensky government and Zionism of Netanyahu government are both fascist in nature. Nazism of Hitler was a variant of imperialism that fought an inter-imperialist war, but both Neo-Nazism and Zionism are the

puppets of imperialism, serving as a storming party troops in wars caused by imperialism. Being a puppet of imperialist and an extreme fascist, Yoon Suk-yeol government in South Korea surpasses both governments. In late August, the leaders of the US, Japan, and South Korea gathered at Camp David in the United States to form the Asian NATO. One year of Yoon Suk-yeol government was full of nuclear-war practices by US, South Korea, and sometimes even Japan. Under the control of US imperialism, Yoon Suk-yeol government accelerated its fascistization and rushed toward a nuclear war against North Korea and a war in East Asia.

The imperialist camp wants to dismantle Russia and China like Yugoslavia, and eliminate DPRK from its existence. Russia, China, and the DPRK have no other option but to wage a decisive struggle in self-defense against these extreme imperialist provocations. The imperialist camp is trying to wage proxy wars in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and East Asia under the “New Cold War” strategy to avoid its own political and economic crisis. “De-risking in New Washington Consensus” is just a deception to put the blame for the war on the opponent. The world has already entered the storm of World War 3.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform was formed in Paris on October 2022, with the three main goals of anti-imperialist mass struggle, ideological struggle against opportunism, and strengthening of communist forces proposed by world anti-imperialist forces, including communist forces, reflecting the grave situation of the world war. The People’s Democracy Party and the Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist) played an important role in this process, and we are very

proud of this. Since then, World Anti-imperialist Platform has successfully held international conferences and has vigorously carried out the anti-imperialist struggle in Belgrade, Serbia, in December last year, Caracas, Venezuela, in March this year, and Gwangju and Seoul, South Korea, in May. We have also launched the Platform News website and published the Platform magazine, strengthening the daily anti-imperialist antifascist propaganda-war and ideological struggle against opportunism. Raising the slogans of “Workers of the World, Unite” and “The people united will never be defeated”, the World Anti-imperialist Platform will continue the struggle for justice and the march for victory to advance the final victory of the anti-imperialist forces.

As the historical experiences show, the war of justice, World War 3, must be victorious. The progressive mankind will meet the new high period when the imperialism is decisively damaged, and the world will be greatly transformed into a more self-determined and peaceful place.

In preparation for the imminent world war, let us consolidate the anti-imperialist front and strongly carry out the anti-imperialist struggle

Contribution to the Athens International Conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, hosted jointly with the Revolutionary Unification, on November 18, 2023

On the Greek revolutionary history, we focus on the life and struggle of Nikos Zachariadis. It is because when Nikita Khrushchev proposed the modern revisionist line at the 20th congress of the communist party of Soviet Union in February 1956, he is one of the representative four leaders who were revolutionary opposing the modern revisionist Khrushchev's line. At that time, they were Nikos Zachariadis, the General Secretary of the communist party of Greece (KKE), Enver Hoxha, the General Secretary of the party of labour of Albania (PLA), Mao Zedong, the Chairman of the communist party of China (CPC), and Kim Il Sung, the General Secretary of the worker's party of Korea (WPK).

Following the Khrushchev's direction, the KKE expelled the large number of the resolute communists including Zachariadis. Since then, the revisionist and opportunist line of the leadership of the KKE has been adhered, supporting the "perestroika (restructuring)" and "glasnost (openness)" policy of Mikhail Gorbachev.

The determined communists including Zachariadis, even leaving Greece and staying foreign land, had kept holding fast the revolutionary principle and struggling against the revisionist line until the end of their lives.

The life and struggle of Zachariadis are very instructive also in the light of the realities of the Greece revolutionary movement today. The historical root of the problems of revisionism, opportunism and sectarianism of the present leadership of the KKE cannot be found elsewhere. In the history of revolutions of the humanity, there are more than one or two examples that some once took the revisionist line and stayed on it until the end. So the problem in ideology is deep-seated and stubborn.

By the Kautskyist and Trotskyist tendencies of the KKE leadership, the ridiculous sophistry “imperialist pyramid theory”, the unilateral dissolution of European Communist Initiative in the recent past and the division and disempowerment of SolidNet, the consequences are very serious.

The importance of the KKE leadership correcting its historical errors and, away from the wrong line of revisionism, opportunism and sectarianism, holding the revolutionary principles and returning to the correct line of communism and as soon as possible cannot be overemphasized.

The current situation is very dangerous where World War 3 is about to being in full swing. As of the end of 2023, the probabilities of escalation of war in Eastern Europe and of outbreak of war in East Asia are increasingly rising. A new war has begun in the Middle East (West Asia). The mood of war is spreading from Ukraine in Eastern Europe to Palestine in Middle East, and then to Taiwan and South Korea in East Asia.

In February 2022, Russia launched an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, liberation and preventive war against the provocations of NATO imperialism, and the flames of this war are fueling the struggle for justice of anti-imperialist forces around the world.

The struggle for free and liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea is at a turning point today. Anti-Israeli and pro-Palestinian forces are united unprecedentedly in the Middle East, and Israel is deeply divided. Above all, US imperialism and European imperialism are seriously exhausted national power by the war in Ukraine.

If the war in East Asia breaks out, the US and European imperialist powers will have to wage armed struggle against the strongest anti-imperialist forces in three battlefields. If you look at the East Asian War as two battles, Taiwan and South Korea, it is four battles: Eastern Europe and the Middle East, Taiwan and South Korea.

It should be noted that Russia, China, and North Korea are powerful nuclear and missile powers. The strategic cooperation between these three countries is getting stronger and stronger, as confirmed by the North Korea-Russia summit in September and the China-Russia summit in October.

Against the provocations of US imperialism, China and North Korea are increasingly affirming the position that an anti-imperialist war, national liberation war, and national reunification war are inevitable.

As we know, in Eastern Europe, as part of the anti-Russian maneuvers, based on the “Grand Chessboard” strategy and the “color revolution” trend, there were massacres of ethnic

Russians in Odessa and Donbass after the Maidan coup d'état in Ukraine in 2014, and the Ukrainian fascist authority tried to join NATO in 2021.

In East Asia, under the imperialist provocations to disrupt China by separating Taiwan, Hong Kong, Xizang (Tibet), Xinjiang, and Inner Mongolia, Taiwan's secessionist maneuvers have already crossed the dangerous line, such as the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in August last year and Taiwanese President Tsai Ing Wen's visit to the US in April this year.

The US-backed Yoon Suk-yeol, who came to power in May last year, has turned South Korea into a darkness with fascist repression as much as Poroshenko and Zelensky, and the Korean Peninsula into the brick of war with anti-national belligerence policies.

The current situation in Taiwan and South Korea is the most precarious to the extent that it is no surprise if the war breaks out there tomorrow. If either the war in Taiwan or the war in South Korea breaks out, the other will automatically follow.

All these military tensions and war crises are obviously caused by the US imperialist policy of disintegrating China and of crushing North Korea. China and North Korea, which have been struggling to uphold the principles of socialism after the counter-revolution that swept the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc in the early 1990s, are in a historic period when they have no choice but to make decisive counterattacks against the persistent and vicious provocations of the imperialist forces.

One of the anti-China war signals of imperialists is the "New Washington Consensus and de-risking." In April, US National

Security Advisor Jake Sullivan declared the New Washington Consensus at an event of the Brookings Institution, emphasizing that it is not decoupling but de-risking.

On the surface, it seems that the Biden administration is pushing for partial “de-risking” rather than full decoupling claimed by the Trump administration, but this is a fiction, a distorted reflection of the essence. The truth is “New Cold War”, a full-scale provocation of World War 3 by the imperialist powers, and through this, they are forming a new front to demonize Russia, China, and North Korea and to deflect their own political and economic crisis.

In other words, announcement of the “New Washington Consensus” is a deception by the imperialist forces, which are provoking wars in East Asia, particularly Taiwan and South Korea, following the war in Ukraine, to shift responsibility of war on China.

In fact, during the Trump administration, there was no war in Ukraine, no provocation of Taiwan’s secession, and Trump had three summits with North Korean chairman Kim Jong Un. It is as if Biden is trying to shake hands with Xi Jinping by extending his right hand in “de-risking” gesture, but he is hiding the sword of Taiwanese separation in his left hand.

While pushing for “Peaceful Rise”, China, which is aware of the US’s two-faced tactics, makes no secret of the fact that it strongly promotes reunification with Taiwan and territorial integrity through its force in response to provocations, calling it a “core of core interests.”

We must not fall prey to the imperialist deception but we must consolidate the anti-imperialist front and organize the

anti-imperialist struggle over the world more vigorously in preparation for the imminent world war.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform (the Platform) launched in this great historical transition period, holding high the banner of anti-imperialism in Paris, France in October, 2022.

The Platform consistently has adhered to the three main goals which are world anti-imperialist struggles against imperialist, ideological battle against revisionism, opportunism, and sectarianism and strengthening international communist capacity since the establishment so far.

The Platform held international conferences with communist parties and anti-imperialist political organizations around the world, organized anti-imperialist mass rallies and demonstrations in Belgrade, Serbia where a neighbor of Ukraine in Eastern Europe and a weak link of NATO in December, 2022 in Caracas, Venezuela and the epicenter of the Bolivarian Revolution, on the 10th memorial anniversary of Hugo Chavez's death in March, 2023 and in Gwangju, the site of the 1980 antifascist armed struggle in South Korea, on the occasion of the third party congress of the People's Democracy Party in May, 2023.

In addition, we launched the "Platform News" website to strengthen our daily solidarity activities, propaganda and practice, and published "the Platform" organ.

In the coming year, the Platform will continue to actively engage in solidarity activities and joint struggles, especially with the people of the Third World countries who suffer from imperialism's direct and constant economic exploitation, political repression, and war manipulation.

Against the barbaric repression of imperialism and the fascist forces, in the face of the slander and divisive efforts of the international sectarian opportunist forces, and in order to achieve the three goals of the Platform, the Platform has not taken a single step back or faltered, and has always bravely faced and overcome trials and difficulties.

We will continue to move forward with our indomitable struggle, chanting the slogans “Proletarians of the world, unite” and “People united will never defeated” from the ranks of the struggle.

Like World War 2 formed the world antifascist front, defeated the fascist forces, dealt a major blow to the imperialist powers, and achieved a great high tide for the communist and anti-imperialist movements, World War 3 will form the world anti-imperialist front, deal a decisive blow to the imperialist powers, and achieve a new great upsurge for the communist and anti-imperialist movements.

We are convinced that this historical path will be the path of fear and defeat for the imperialist powers and their puppet, fascist and opportunist forces, and be the path of hope and victory for the anti-imperialist forces, working class and working people.

On the “New Cold War”

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We have entered the era of the “New Cold War”. That term is now commonly used and can be easily found across the media. The “New Cold War” is a new “Cold War” between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps in the modern era. The current situation is, in short, a dangerous one in which the flames of World War 3 began in Eastern Europe and are spreading, through the Middle East (West Asia), to East Asia. On a global scale, several anti-imperialist battlefields have been formed under one anti-imperialist united front, which is expanding and intensifying. World War 3, the anti-imperialist front, and the “New Cold War” are closely linked.

In order to understand the nature of this “New Cold War”, we should pay attention to the ways in which it differs from the previous “Cold War”.

First, the “Cold War” and the “New Cold War” began in very different circumstances.

The “Cold War” began with the end of World War 2, but the “New Cold War” began with the beginning of World War 3.

The “Cold War” was initiated to prevent the spread of socialism when the socialist camp had become global after World War 2. In order to halt the westward and southward advance of the socialist revolutions that had liberated large parts of Eurasia, “Trumanism” and “containment” policies emerged, the Marshall Plan was implemented in western Europe, and “ASEAN” grouping was organized by the USA in Southeast Asia.

The “New Cold War” began with World War 3, a war provoked by the imperialist camp to isolate and dismantle the anti-imperialist camp, beginning with the launch of Russia’s special military operation in 2022. The war in Ukraine had really begun with the Maidan coup d’état in 2014, manipulated by the USA in accordance with the “Grand Chessboard” strategy of Zbigniew Brzezinski and following its well-worn “color revolution” manual. This conflict deepened over the next eight years with the massacre of 14,000 people in Donbas, before entering a new and higher phase with Russia’s special military operation in 2022.

This was the beginning of World War 3, a global conflict that has deepened with the war in Palestine and the wider Middle East in 2023. The war will have become truly global when the imminent wars in Taiwan and South Korea are also provoked by US imperialism.

Second, the camps of the “Cold War” and the “New Cold War” have different characteristics.

The “Cold War” was a confrontation between the socialist camp and the imperialist camp, while the “New Cold War” is between the anti-imperialist camp and the imperialist camp. Therefore, ideological differences were relatively more important

in the “Cold War” than in the “New Cold War”.

In the “Cold War”, the ideological orientation toward socialism and its positivity were emphasized, while in the “New Cold War” the emphasis is on the problems and difficulties caused by imperialist domination of the globe.

In the “Cold War”, the Soviet Union and China were early divided inside the socialist camp, but in the “New Cold War”, Russia and China are united within the anti-imperialist camp.

During the “Cold War”, the Soviet Union and China, both very large states, each claimed that they were incarnations of socialism; but in the “New Cold War”, there is no disagreement about the fact that North Korea, a small country, is the most advanced country on the socialist path.

The “Cold War” began when US imperialism was at its strongest point. The development of the imperialist system in the modern period, during which the imperialist camp was reorganized around US imperialism, coincided with the beginning of the “Cold War”. This was when the US dollar became the world’s reserve currency with the Bretton Woods system led by the USA. Even the currency crisis that followed the US decision to abandon the gold standard was relatively easily overcome: the US was able to conclude an agreement with OPEC around Saudi Arabia on the exclusive use of dollars for oil-related transactions, paving the way for the rise of petrodollars.

The “New Cold War”, on the other hand, began at the height of US imperialism’s political and economic crisis. The US presidential election in 2020 embodied a confrontation between the anti-Deep State forces and the Deep State forces, and it is

considered likely that the Deep State forces may well be defeated in the 2024 presidential election. US influence is waning everywhere as has been evidenced by the successive rejections of the US-led UN Security Council sanctions against North Korea's missile launches and the overwhelming passage of the resolution of the ceasefire in Palestine by the UN General Assembly despite US opposition. The USA's status in the global economy has also weakened significantly, as is evidenced by the rise of China and the expansion of the BRICS economic partnership of developing economies. The petrodollar system is coming to an end, with even Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries moving toward the anti-imperialist camp.

Third, the "Cold War" and the "New Cold War" have the different development arcs.

The "Cold War" proceeded without any "hot war" between the socialist camp and the imperialist camp. "Hot wars" were instead provoked by the imperialist camp against the small or weak countries in the Third World. These wars included the Korean War in the 1950s, the Vietnam War in the 1960s and 1970s and the wars in the Middle East waged by the imperialist camp and Israel against Arab countries. Throughout this period, the imperialist camp conducted its "Cold War" against its main adversaries—the big countries like the Soviet Union and China—not through "hot wars", but through the invisible wars or the wars without gunfire.

In the period of the "New Cold War", the "hot wars" and the "Cold war" were conducted simultaneously between the anti-imperialist camp and the imperialist camp. Today, the imperialist camp is waging in a "hot war" against Russia, which is a big

country, and is provoking another “hot war” against China, which is another big country. The imperialist camp, while preparing another “hot war” against China, is already carrying out a “Cold War” against that country. The declaration of the “New Washington Consensus” and the “de-risking” mantra emerged in 2023, as part of this “Cold War” against China: they represent a cunning and deceptive cover aimed at laying the responsibility for the “New Cold War” on China, although the American plan is already clear: igniting the war in Taiwan.

The war in Palestine and the wider Middle East, which broke out on a new level in 2023, clearly demonstrates that, in the midst of this “New Cold War”, the imperialist forces are also carrying out “hot wars” against small countries.

While the Korean War in the period of the “Cold War” was a “hot war” that the imperialist camp waged against North Korea, a country of national liberation, the Korean War in the period of the “New Cold War” will be a “hot war” that the imperialist camp will wage against North Korea, a socialist country. North Korea in the period of the “New Cold War” is, different with itself in the period of the “Cold War”, a military power armed with the nuclear missile.

The last important difference between these two periods is their likely end results.

Although the imperialist camp won the “Cold War”, every sign indicates that the “New Cold War” will end in precisely the opposite way. The “Cold War” ended in a victory for the imperialist camp with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

The socialist camp and its allies, the national liberation forces, which were at their height because of the victory of the world

antifascist forces in World War 2, retreated after the fall of the Soviet Union. The rise of the socialist camp and national liberation forces started the “Cold War” and went into decline after the “Cold War”.

The “New Cold War” began with an unprecedented crisis within the imperialist camp. Today, the imperialist camp, trying to resolve its own internal crisis, has contrived the “New Cold War” in order to provoke World War 3. Contrary to their hopes, however, the war in Ukraine in Eastern Europe and the war in Palestine in the Middle East, are not going the way the imperialist camp expected, and are instead deepening the economic and political crisis within the imperialist camp. The wars to come in Taiwan and South Korea in East Asia, a key for the imperialist camp’s strategy to complete the “New Cold War”, will decisively trigger the further deepening of crisis of the imperialist camp.

Russia, China, and North Korea are all nuclear and missile powers armed with hydrogen bombs and hypersonic missiles, while the anti-imperialist countries in the Middle East, including Palestinian resistance forces, are strongly armed and well prepared. Most of all, on all these three battlefields, the anti-imperialist camp is waging a just war in the form of an anti-imperialist and liberation war.

The strategic errors of the imperialist camp have been: first, to unite Russia and China in an anti-imperialist camp; second, to push two billion Muslims into the anti-imperialist camp; and third, to lose the media war by the obvious contradiction between its anti-Russian propaganda and its pro-Israeli propaganda.

As reality is showing, Russia is winning on the battlefield in Ukraine and is every day becoming stronger militarily, politically and economically. In the war in Palestine and the Middle East, it is Zionist Israel that is isolated, while the anti-Zionist and anti-imperialist forces in the region are uniting and increasing their intensity of struggle. The outcome of the wars in Taiwan and South Korea will be no different.

The final victory of the anti-imperialist camp, united on the side of justice, is certain. The “New Cold War” will end in the victory of the anti-imperialists.

The historical experience of the October Revolution and the factors that will guarantee the victory of the revolution in the 21st century

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The Russian October Revolution at the beginning of the 20th century had a major impact on the history of world revolution. Lenin's brilliance is that he creatively applied Marxism to the era of imperialism and led the first socialist revolution to victory. The theory that the contradictions between the imperialist powers, owing to uneven development of capitalism, would lead to inter-imperialist and colonial wars, and that the weakest link in the imperialist chain would be broken first in the process, has become an important part of Leninism, describing the objective aspects of the revolutionary situation.

Lenin waged a decisive struggle to mature the subjective aspects of the revolutionary situation: the founding of Leninist theory, the strengthening of the Bolshevik organization, and the seizure of power in the Soviets.

The theory of the dictatorship of the proletariat characterizes one of the most important factors in the victory of the October Revolution. The ideological battle against sectarianism and opportunism was crucial in strengthening the Bolsheviks as

the revolutionary force of the working class, and the Soviets of workers, peasants, and soldiers played a decisive role in the victory of the revolution as a united front linking the party with the masses.

In order to succeed in a revolution, both the objective and subjective conditions must be ripe, but it is the subjective side that plays the decisive role.

Today, the flames of World War 3 are spreading from Eastern Europe, through Western Asia (the Middle East), and into East Asia. At present, there is a high probability of expansion of war in Eastern Europe and a high probability of the outbreak of war in East Asia.

World War 1 was a war between rival imperialists, while World War 2 was a world antifascist war. World War 3 is relatively closer to World War 2 than World War 1 as a world anti-imperialist war. While in World War 2 the socialist Soviet Union joined hands with the imperialists of the USA and Britain in order to destroy fascism, in World War 3, socialist DPRK and China have joined hands with capitalist Russia against the imperialists.

Succeeding from the world antifascist united front in World War 2, the world anti-imperialist united front is being formed in World War 3. One anti-imperialist front and several anti-imperialist battlefields are being formed on a global scale.

The war in Ukraine began with the Maidan coup in 2014, intensified with the war in the Donbass region, and entered full swing with Russia's special military operation in 2022. World War 3 began with the war in Ukraine and is intensifying with the war in Palestine, the war in the Middle East in 2023. It will

enter full swing with the outbreak of war in Taiwan and in South Korea. When we talk about the war entering “full swing”, we are referring to a qualitative change in warfare that is objectively recognized as a state of war.

The ongoing war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a war of liberation, and a preventive war from the standpoint of Russia, while the war in Palestine is an anti-Zionist and anti-imperialist war and a war of liberation from the standpoint of Palestine. The impending war in Taiwan is an anti-imperialist war, a national liberation war, and a unification war of the fatherland from the standpoint of China, while the war in South Korea is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war and a national liberation war from the standpoint of Korea. The DPRK will resolve the national liberation issue through non-peaceful means, and then peacefully resolve the national reunification issue with the people’s democratic regime established in the South. This will involve a process of unification through a federal system.

At present, the international communist movement is not fulfilling its historical and political responsibilities. One of the main reasons for this is the revisionist, opportunistic and sectarian behavior of the Communist Party of Greece (KKE) and its satellites. Solidnet, the authoritative solidarity network of the international communist movement, was completely divided at last year’s conference in Havana, Cuba, when its organizer, the KKE, declared the war in Ukraine to be an “inter-imperialist” war. The basis of the KKE’s erroneous views, which declare Russia and even China to be “imperialist”, is its revisionist theory of the “imperialist pyramid”.

As long as there are markets and trade, this theory contends that a society must be described as capitalist. And as long as monopolies dominate on a global scale, every capitalist society must be described as an imperialist one. According to this absurd view that there is only a quantitative difference in a pyramid of imperialists, every country on earth becomes an imperialist country. Even the DPRK, the most staunch socialist country, has markets and trade, so it is capitalist and therefore imperialist.

The only exception to this theory, according to their argument, is Palestine, which is a logical contradiction in itself, since Palestine has markets and trade, so it is also capitalist and imperialist. This is why Solidnet made a very vague statement on the war in Palestine at this year's conference in Izmir, Turkey.

If we compare the Paris Declaration made by the World Anti-imperialist Platform in October 2022 and the statement on the war in Palestine made in Athens in November 2023 with the statements of Solidnet, the limitations of the latter, which is led by the KKE, become even more glaring. In this context, the recent sectarian recklessness with which the KKE unilaterally dissolved the European Communist Initiative, is not surprising at all.

The victory of the revolution depends on both subjective and objective factors, and the subjective factor plays a decisive role. The analysis of a revolutionary situation consists of a subjective aspect and an objective aspect, and here too, the subjective aspect plays a decisive role. The subjective factors for the victory of the revolution are the guiding idea, the leading nucleus and the mass foundation, while the objective factors are the military

and economic material means. The subjective aspect of the revolutionary situation is the military, political and economic capabilities of the revolutionary forces. The objective aspect consists of the military, political and economic capabilities of the domestic counter-revolutionary forces and international variables.

The revolutionary forces work to strengthen their subjective capacities and deepen the military, political and economic crisis of the domestic counter-revolutionary forces. The international variable is divided into the forces of the dominant powers and the forces of international solidarity: the dominant forces are imperialist and great-power chauvinist forces, while the international solidarity forces are the forces for internationalist unity and the forces for international solidarity.

The problem of great-power chauvinism refers to the error of the big socialist countries in the past in failing to guarantee the independence of smaller socialist countries. The force for internationalist unity refers to the unity of forces that believe in the internationalism of Marxism-Leninism. The fact that China today, along with the most staunch socialist country, the DPRK, is walking a socialist line with Chinese characteristics, and has even gone so far as to wage an anti-imperialist armed struggle along with capitalist Russia on a single anti-imperialist front, is the greatest anti-imperialist and revolutionary change since the destruction of the Soviet Union.

Today, the imperialist camp is plotting World War 3 under cover of its “New Cold War” strategy in order to expropriate its excesses and conceal its own political and economic crisis. Imperialism is the root cause of all wars on a global scale and

is solely responsible for provoking them. The imperialist camp is using the tactic of the “New Cold War”, World War 3, in which hot and cold wars coexist, by fabricating the fiction and spreading this lie by means of overwhelming propaganda: World War 3 would be caused by invasions from Russia in Eastern Europe, Palestine in Western Asia, China and the DPRK in East Asia.

However, this is a strategic error that had not only united Russia and China in a single anti-imperialist camp but also is driving two billion Muslims into the anti-imperialist camp, all while contradicting its own pretext for war owing to the obvious inconsistency between the West’s anti-Russian propaganda and its pro-Israeli propaganda.

We note that Russia, China, and the DPRK are all nuclear and missile powers armed with hydrogen bombs and hypersonic missiles, and that South Korea’s Yoon Suk-yeol government is in a very vulnerable state. Like the Zelensky and Netanyahu governments, the Yoon government is notoriously fascist and a steadfast vassal of imperialism. Unlike the fascist forces in World War 2, the fascist forces in World War 3 are all puppets of imperialism, serving merely as storm troops in imperialist proxy wars.

Yoon’s approval rating has plummeted owing to his corruption, incompetence, and pro-US unpatriotic character, and he is now frantically trying to complete the fascistization of South Korea and conduct war maneuvers against North Korea, as he is highly likely to be defeated in the next parliamentary election in April. In South Korea, the People’s Democracy Party (PDP) is the only staunch revolutionary force that calls for the withdrawal

of US troops and the overthrow of Yoon Suk-yeol. The PDP has won legitimacy through 30 years of keen antifascist and anti-imperialist struggles and is focusing on strengthening its core competencies and mass base, as well as on strengthening internationalist unity and international solidarity in preparation for the outbreak of war in South Korea.

Founded in Paris in October 2022 by revolutionary parties from around the world, including the PDP, the World Anti-imperialist Platform has set itself three major goals: organizing the worldwide anti-imperialist struggle, waging an ideological struggle against revisionism, and strengthening the international communist forces. In pursuit of these aims, it has held international conferences and massive demonstrations in Belgrade in December 2022, in Caracas in March 2023, in Seoul in May 2023, and in Athens in November 2023.

We will continue to move forward and struggle for the victory of the Great October Revolution of our era with the scientific convictions of “Proletarians of the world, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated!”

The final victory of the most just anti-imperialist camp is certain.

Let's move forward to the final victory

Contribution to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain (PCPE) in Madrid on January 13, 2024

Sincerely celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of the PCPE, we are confident that you will continue to move forward on the path of revolution as steadfastly as so far.

The flames of World War 3, which began in Eastern Europe, are spreading through the Middle East and into East Asia. Currently, the probabilities of escalation of the war in Eastern Europe and of the outbreak of war in East Asia are rising fast. In the Middle East, the war in Palestine has already expanded into the wider Middle East since its outbreak.

The war in Ukraine really began with the Maidan coup d'état in 2014, deepening over the next eight years in Donbass, and entered outright war with Russia's special military operation in 2022. World War 3 began with Russia's special military operation in 2022 and has deepened with Hamas's Al-Aqsa Flood operation in 2023. It will encompass outright wars in Taiwan and South Korea.

The war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a liberation war, and a preventive war, while the war in Palestine

is an anti-Zionist and anti-imperialist war and a liberation war. Israeli Zionism is a nuclear-armed force, an ally of US imperialism, and outright fascism. The war in Taiwan is an anti-imperialist war, a national liberation war, and a reunification war, while the war in South Korea is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, and a national liberation war. At the 8th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea in 2021, North Korea reaffirmed that national liberation can be achieved peacefully if reunification of our country is achieved non-peacefully.

There is one front: an anti-imperialist front and an anti-imperialist united front, and several battlefields: anti-imperialist battlefields and anti-imperialist military battlefields. They include the battlefields in Eastern Europe, in Palestine, the Middle East and in Taiwan and South Korea, East Asia. Several countries in the Sahel region of Africa are also fighting wars of the same character.

World War 1 was an inter-imperialist war, and World War 2 was a global antifascist war. World War 3 is a global anti-imperialist war. World War 3 is similar to World War 2, not World War 1. World War 1 resulted in the emergence of the first socialist country, and World War 2 led to the formation of a world socialist camp on a global scale. As a result of World War 3, the anti-imperialist camp will be decisively strengthened and a new socialist camp will be formed, which will overwhelm the imperialist camp and set the milestone for global independence.

The "Cold War" began with the end of World War 2 in 1945, and the "New Cold War" began with the outbreak of World War 3 in 2022. The "Cold War" was a confrontation between the socialist and anti-imperialist camps, while the "New Cold War"

was between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps.

The “Cold War” proceeded without any “hot war” between the socialist and anti-imperialist camps, but in the “New Cold War”, “hot wars” have been conducted between anti-imperialist and imperialist camps. However, the hot wars between Russia, China, North Korea among the anti-imperialist camp and the imperialist countries take the form of a proxy war. The “Cold War” was won by the imperialist camp, but the “New Cold War” will be won by the anti-imperialist camp.

The period of great upheaval was opened up with the outbreak of World War 3, beginning with Russia’s special military operation in 2022. It will be transformed into the period of great change when World War 3 enters a new and higher phase with the wars in Taiwan and South Korea, where the anti-imperialist camp will win. As the final victory of the anti-imperialist camp is confirmed in World War 3, we will enter the period of great upsurge.

Launched in Paris in October 2022, the World Anti-imperialist Platform will continue to innovate, like it has been doing, to achieve its three major goals; organizing the world anti-imperialist struggles, waging an ideological warfare against revisionism and opportunism, and strengthening the international communist forces. Holding high the banner of conviction and revolution, “Proletarians of the world, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated!”, we will move forward vigorously to the final victory of the anti-imperialists and of the revolutionary forces.

North Korea’s “declaration of subjugation” and revolution in South Korea

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On 15 January 2024, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) made a historic declaration. At the Supreme People’s Assembly (SPA) on this day, the Chairman of the State Affairs Commission, Kim Jong Un, declared that his country would subjugate “the Republic of Korea (ROK, South Korea)” in case of emergency. Here are the important points of Chairman Kim Jong Un’s speech regarding the situation in Korea.

First, Chairman Kim Jong Un stated: “The frequent remarks made by the U.S. authorities about the ‘end of our regime’, vast nuclear strategic assets constantly stationed in the peripheral area of the DPRK, ceaseless war exercises with its followers staged on the largest scale, the military nexus between Japan and the Republic of Korea boosted at the instigation of the U.S., etc. are seriously threatening the security of our state moment by moment.” And he stressed: “It is our Party’s strategic plan to defend the country and greet a great revolutionary event through all-people resistance.”

The provocateurs of war in today’s world are always

imperialism and its puppets. Chairman Kim Jong Un's speech points to the fact that all armies and people will unite to defend the fatherland and bring about a great revolutionary event if war breaks out as a result of provocative maneuvers aimed at invading North Korea. This great revolutionary event will necessarily involve subjugating the whole territory of the South.

Chairman Kim Jong Un went on to call "the ROK" "a group of outsiders' top-class stooges", defining it as an "enemy state", a "belligerent state" and a "foreign country". He expressed the DPRK's readiness to "completely occupy, subjugate and reclaim the ROK and annex it as a part of the territory of our Republic" in case of the outbreak of war on the peninsula.

Here, "the ROK" becomes both an "enemy state" and "a group of outsiders' top-class stooges". This is not a logical contradiction, but a dialectical one: it is both "the ROK" and an enemy state, but it is also "the ROK clan" and puppets. Thus we can see that the DPRK still essentially maintains a one-state policy. In other words, it internally upholds its existing policy that the DPRK is the only state on the Korean peninsula and is prepared to subjugate the ROK as an enemy state in the event of war.

Chairman Kim Jong Un also pointed out: "It is necessary to delete such expressions in the constitution as 'northern half' and 'independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity'." "We have dismantled all the organizations we established as solidarity bodies for peaceful reunification." And further: "We should also completely remove the eye-sore 'Monument to the Three Charters for National Reunification' standing at the southern gateway to the capital city of Pyongyang."

These are tactical measures valid only until such a time as subjugation has been achieved. In fact, they outline a peaceful process: subjugation will inevitably lead to the establishment of a military government in the South, ruled by the Korean People's Army. When revolutionary forces in the South have matured enough and a civil government is established through democratic elections, this people's democratic government and the socialist government of the North will build a unified federal state.

In other words, these measures, which seem to deny "peaceful reunification", are temporary tactical measures to remove the obstacles to reunification, in force only until "an enemy country" and "a group of stooges" called "the ROK" has ceased to exist. Once a people's democratic government has come into power, then, and only then, can meaningful reunification in an atmosphere of peace and security—ie, federal reunification—be achieved. The policy of peacefully building a unified federal state is still the strategic goal of the DPRK.

To this end, Chairman Kim Jong Un has made it clear that the military force of the North is "not a means of preemptive attack for realizing unilateral 'reunification by force of arms'". In other words, the DPRK has no intention of reunifying the country by force—ie, of actively pursuing forceful reunification. If reunification doesn't take place by force, then it will be a peaceful reunification by means of a federal system.

Chairman Kim Jong Un went on to stress: "The war will terribly destroy the entity called the Republic of Korea and put an end to its existence. And it will inflict an unimaginably crushing defeat upon the U.S."

Thus he showed that the DPRK has different approaches to “the ROK” and to the USA. Chairman Kim Jong Un has made it clear that if war breaks out as a result of provocations against the DPRK, “the ROK” itself will “be destroyed” while the USA will suffer a significant blow, “a crushing defeat”. This suggests that the DPRK sees the possibility that the USA might not intervene in a “war in the ROK”.

The USA today is following a military doctrine of proxy warfare against its peer competitors—as has been made clear by the way it is prosecuting its wars in Ukraine and Palestine. The same is likely to be true of a possible “war in the ROK”. If the USA were to engage in a direct war with the DPRK, rather than in a proxy war via the stooge “ROK” forces, it would risk the DPRK’s nuclear attack on the US mainland, which could escalate into mutually assured destruction (MAD) and the annihilation of humanity.

With this “declaration of subjugation” by the DPRK, a possible war in South Korea during this decade, a “war in the ROK”, would take on the character of an antifascist and anti-imperialist war, a war of subjugation, an internal war. This compares with the Korean War of the 1950s, which was an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a national liberation war, and a war for the reunification of the Fatherland. The essence of anti-imperialism, antifascism, and liberation will remain unchanged, but the DPRK’s temporary acceptance of a two-state policy has made a difference.

Once the lower of the two stages of the democratization of South Korea—namely antifascist democratization—has been achieved via non-peaceful means of subjugation, then the higher

stage, people's democratization, can be achieved peacefully. The process of making South Korea independent of the USA that must happen in between these two stages could be achieved via peaceful or non-peaceful means, depending on the USA's reaction.

Under conditions where antifascist democratization and anti-US independence have already been achieved, the process of establishing a unified federal government between the people's democratic regime in the South and the socialist regime in the North can only be pursued by peaceful means.

The main points of the speech at 14th SPA of the DPRK in January were already contained in the report on 9th Enlarged Plenum of 8th WPK central committee in December. At the party central committee at the end of last year and at the SPA at the beginning of this year, General Secretary of the WPK and Chairman of the State Affairs Commission, Kim Jong Un, has inherited the ideas and strategies of the revolution and reunification of his predecessors, President Kim Il Sung and Chairman of the National Defence Commission Kim Jong Il, innovating upon them in order to adapt them to today's situation and resolve the long-standing problems of the Korean peninsula. These problems have existed for 78 years since the division of the country by the US imperialists in 1945, and the DPRK has made it clear that it is now prepared to use bold methods of subjugation—to fight a “war in the ROK”—in case of emergency.

This concept of a war of subjugation to oust the imperialist proxy regime in the South has opened a decisive period for the South Korean revolution.

With the DPRK's willingness to subjugate the South, the

likelihood of a “war in the ROK” has increased. Moreover, the likelihood of war in Taiwan, which is bound to break out at the same time, has also increased. And as the likelihood of war breaking out in East Asia increases, the possibility of war spreading across Eastern Europe is increasing likewise.

Currently, the flames of World War 3 are spreading from Eastern Europe to the Middle East and look likely to ignite in East Asia, too. But once the flames of war have ignited East Asia, World War 3 will be in full swing and the “New Cold War” antagonism facing the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps alike will become clear. Human history will arrive at a great new turning point.

We can expect this great new turn in human history to prove a great new turn for world revolution.

The theory of subjugation first

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Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), formalized the country's new approach regarding the "subjugation" of the South in a speech to the Supreme People's Assembly on January 15. Although this change in approach towards reunification had already been announced at a plenary meeting of the central committee of the Workers Party of Korea in late December, this decision by the highest organ of state power has another meaning.

This "declaration of subjugation" has changed many things. First, the DPRK made certain theoretical changes to its existing theory of national liberation and democratic revolution, known as the theory of liberation of South Korea, and to its theory of national reunification based on the proposal for founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo, which was declared at the sixth congress of the Workers Party of Korea in 1980.

Previously, the WPK noted the intrinsic connection between the theory of national liberation and democratic revolution and the theory of national reunification, formalizing them as a line

of independence, democracy and reunification. Specifically, the aim was to achieve anti-US independence, antifascist democratization, and national reunification, in that order, with independence expected to come first. The process of revolution and reunification was clearly expected to proceed from anti-US independence through antifascist democratization and on to national reunification.

When the US army entered South Korea as an occupying force in 1945, South Korea was recolonized and was eventually fascistized as the pro-Japanese collaborators were transformed into pro-American collaborators. Since the tragedy of Korea's division began with this occupation, the focus on "independence first" was agreed on not only by the leadership of the DPRK but also by the revolutionary forces of the South.

With Pyongyang's "declaration of subjugation", however, the theory of "independence first" has been replaced by the theory of "subjugation first". That is: the DPRK now believes that independence, democracy and reunification can only be achieved once the subjugation of the southern puppet regime has been accomplished.

From a theoretical standpoint, we can explain this new outlook as follows: The subjugation of the southern regime is at the same time a process of antifascist and nationwide democratization. These are the two stages of democratization needed in South Korea: a first stage of antifascist democratization and a higher stage through the establishment of a people's democratic government in the South.

Antifascist democratization will require the liquidation of fascist groups, the repeal of fascist laws and the dismantling

of fascist organizations. The fascist cliques in South Korea are almost without exception pro-American and pro-Japanese.

The subjugation of the southern regime will at the same time launch a process of nationwide democratization. With the liquidation of the pro-fascist, pro-American, pro-Japanese regime, these factions will be deprived of their economic base and prevented from ever again functioning as a political force. This would be similar (only more thorough!) to the process of liquidating Nazi collaborators in France after World War 2.

In South Korea, however, the scope and extent of this process will be very different, since it is not a matter of a few years but of more than a century of national treason and fascist brutality carried out by the puppet forces of the south—first in cooperation with Japanese and then in cooperation with US colonizers. This process of antifascist democratization will at the same time be a nationwide democratization, achieved by the decisive addition of the power of the northern state to that of the southern revolutionary forces.

The process of subjugation, by its very nature, can only be a thoroughly unpeaceful process.

When democratization has been achieved via the subjugation of the fascist client regime, anti-US independence can easily be accomplished. If the USA continues to intervene militarily in the internal politics of Korea, this can only trigger a non-peaceful response from the Korean revolutionary forces, including from the armed forces of the DPRK. But if the USA does not intervene, choosing to stick to its current proxy war doctrine, independence in Korea can be achieved by a peaceful process—by the expulsion of all US troops and weaponry from South

Korea.

At the same time as anti-US independence is being prioritized, people's democracy will also be promoted. Anti-US independence will not automatically lead to people's democracy, but it is obvious that the former will very much facilitate the latter. People's democracy can only be achieved by a thoroughly peaceful process, after the complete suppression of the fascist puppet forces.

To realize a people's democracy in the South, a new administration aimed at realizing the people's welfare will need to be established, based on the nationalization of major means of production. All foreign and comprador capital, the land of reactionary landlords, and US military bases will be reappropriated.

On this basis, the problems of unemployment and irregular work will be solved, the debts of peasants and poor workers will be eliminated, free education and free healthcare, and free social housing can all be provided. People's democracy refers to the democratization at the local level. It is essentially the democratization for and by the people of the South themselves, even if the North might be involved.

Realizing a people's democracy comes first while the reunification of Korea is promoted simultaneously. It is the prerequisite for the reunification of Korea to achieve the political task in realizing people's democracy. The reunification of Korea will be a thoroughly peaceful process after the liquidation of the pro-US, pro-Japanese and fascist forces and the removal of the US military by the subjugation (of South Korea) and anti-US independence.

Two paths to peaceful reunification are open to a divided nation: the Korean-style federal model or the Chinese style one-state, two-system model. The difference between the former and the latter is whether the central government is federal or not. The way of peaceful reunification of Korea has been confirmed as a federal system since 1980. This has not changed by the “declaration of subjugation”. This was clearly expressed in various ways in the “January Speech”.

The precondition of the federal reunification is the establishment of people’s democratic government in South Korea, since a reunified federal state can only be built by the consent between the socialist government in the North and the people’s democratic government in the South. It will be carried out peacefully and democratically by organizing a nationwide meeting such as the joint conference of political parties and social organizations from South and North Korea in 1948.

The establishment of a people’s democratic government in South Korea should be carried out via democratic elections. Realizing a people’s democracy in the political sector will lead to the establishment of a reunified federal state. Realizing people’s democracy in political sector is the prerequisite for the establishment of reunified federal state. Realizing a people’s democracy in political sector and the establishment of reunified federal state decisively promote realizing people’s democracy in economic sector.

When realizing people’s democracy in economic sector is finished, the next strategic stage to totally solve class discrimination proceeds.

At its eighth congress in 2021, the Workers Party of Korea

amended its party rules, indicating that it was already preparing for this process of nationwide democratization—that is, for the new approach to reunification via subjugation of the South Korean puppet regime.

It is instructive to compare the preface to the rulebook as revised in the seventh congress with the preface as amended in 2021.

The former stated: “The immediate purpose of the Workers Party of Korea is to build a strong socialist nation in the northern half of the Republic and to carry out the task of National Liberation Democratic Revolution on a nationwide scale. The ultimate goal of the Party is to make all societies Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist societies and to fully realize the independence of the people.”

The latter, by contrast, stated: “The immediate goal of the Workers’ Party of Korea is to build a wealthy and civilized socialist society in the northern half of the Republic and to realize the voluntary and democratic development of society nationwide. The ultimate goal is to realize a communist society in which the people’s ideals are fully realized.”

The part of the newly amended rules, “to realize ... the democratic development of society nationwide” has the meaning of the democratization on the nationwide level. While we cannot know that whether DPRK had already defined the concept of “subjugation” when it revised its rulebook, it openly announced a new line with the metaphorical expression “new way”.

The essence of the theory of subjugation first is the theory of the South Korean revolution.

South Korean revolution and the subjugation

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The strategy and tactics of revolution come from the character of revolution, and the character of revolution comes from the character of society. The theory of social character defines the theory of social revolution, and the theory of social revolution defines the theory of strategy and tactics. This is why revolutionaries, first and foremost, focus on scientifically identifying the characters of society and revolution.

The character of Korean society is unique. In the 1930s, under Japanese rule, Korea as a whole was a colonial, semi-feudal society, and in the 1980s, under US rule, South Korea became a colonial, semi-capitalist society. The reason why Korea became a colonial, semi-feudal society is that Korea became a colony of Japan in the process of transcending from feudalism to capitalism. South Korea became a colonial, semi-capitalist society because South Korea became a colony of the US when the US military entered South Korea as an occupying force in 1945 and achieved capitalist industrialization around 1980, subordinated to US-Japanese imperialism. South Korea was a

colonial, semi-feudal state until 1980. North Korea completed socialist industrialization in 1969.

Therefore, there was a severe disparity between the economy and people's livelihood in North and South Korea in the 1970s. As the US and Japanese imperialism rushed to industrialize South Korea in the context of system competition, and as the USA offloaded its heavy chemical polluting industries onto Japan and Japan shifted them to South Korea, South Korea has had a subordinate and deformed industrialization.

When referring to a colonial, semi-capitalist economy, the colonial character, namely subordination, means that all stages of the reproduction process are vertically subordinated to imperialism. The semi-capitalist character, i.e., deformity, means that heavy industry, light industry, and agriculture are all fragmented and deformed in the industrial sectors. Due to the export-oriented economic structure, the heavy industry does not form an internal circulation structure with the domestic light industry and agriculture, and it is lopsidedly enlarged. In the term "semi-capitalism", "semi" means a deformity, neither transition nor compromise. Due to its colonial, subordinated character, it cannot develop from pre-monopoly capitalism to monopolistic capitalism.

In defining the theory of social character, the economy is its basis, but the military and politics are much more decisive. This is especially true in societies like South Korea, where foreign troops entered as occupying forces and established a proxy regime with their puppets. All operational authority of the South Korean military is completely controlled by the nuclear-armed US military, and South Korean politics is controlled by

the CIA at the US Embassy in Seoul. South Korea has never had an independent military or government, nor has it had a self-reliant economy. South Korean society has not just a tendency of subordination but has been entirely a colony of the USA.

The theory of the national liberation democratic revolution originated from South Korea's colonial semi-capitalist society.

The term "national liberation democratic revolution" is a compound of the theory of national liberation revolution and the theory of the people's democratic revolution. When they are compounded, "people's" is omitted. There are various Korean words that refer to "people," such as "man," "the people" and "the masses." These are distinguishable from each other, but all might be translated into "people" in English. Therefore, it could be difficult for foreign readers to understand some parts, one of which is the omission of "people's". With its omission, the motive force of the revolution becomes broader as the national liberation democratic revolution, not a national liberation people's democratic revolution. The former revolution does include national capitalists (non-comprador capitalists) as its motive force but the latter does not. The national capitalists are members of the same nation but not the people. "The people" refers to all politically oppressed and economically exploited classes and strata. National capitalists are the class that opposes national discrimination in colonies but, at the same time, exploits workers anyway.

Just as the colonial, semi-capitalist society is a colony in essence, the national liberation democratic revolution is a national liberation revolution in nature. Separated from the national liberation revolution, it should be called the people's

democratic revolution to clarify the next strategic stage of this revolution, i.e., the revolution to eliminate class discrimination. However, when combined with the national liberation revolution, the revolutionary character of the national liberation revolution ensures the revolutionary nature of the next strategic stage without the need to add the word “people’s”. As non-comprador capitalists with national conscience come to be included in the motive force of revolution, this leads to maximal isolation of the enemies, the target of the revolution.

From the theory of the national liberation democratic revolution comes the theory of strategy and tactics of this revolution. While the theory of social revolution contains the character, task, motive force, and object of the revolution, the theory of strategy and tactics deals with the goals, means, and methods. It is important to note here that the object of revolution in revolutionary theory coincides with the target in the theory of strategy and tactics. US imperialism and pro-US proxy forces, which are the objects of revolution in the theory of social revolution, are, respectively, strategic and tactical targets in the theory of strategy and tactics.

The motive force in the theory of social revolution and the means in the theory of strategy and tactics are almost identical, where we can find the concept of main forces and auxiliary forces. There is a difference between the main forces when carrying out the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution in a colonial, semi-feudal society and a national liberation democratic revolution in a colonial, semi-capitalist society. The former are the working class and peasants under the leadership of revolutionary parties of the working class, while

the latter are the working class, peasants, youth and students, and intellectuals with conscience. In Korea under Japanese imperialist rule and in South Korea under US imperialist rule, youth, students and intellectuals have historically played an important role in the national liberation revolution and antifascist democratic struggles, and by generalizing their practical experience, since South Korea turned to the colonial, semi-capitalist society, the conscientious and organizable part of the three million university students and ten million intellectuals have been included in the main force.

The method in the theory of strategy and tactics based on the theory of national liberation and democratic revolution is the all-people resistance. The two main methods of national liberation revolution are armed struggle and mass struggle, which are combined to be called the all-people resistance. The same is true for the national liberation democratic revolution in South Korea. However, today's South Korea is in a condition where armed struggle cannot be carried out, and as North Korea has taken full charge of this part, the all-people resistance without armed struggle, that is, popular uprising, has become the basic method.

South Korea historically had two armed struggles apart from war: the Jeju Uprising in 1948 and the Gwangju Uprising in 1980. Both of these armed uprisings were unsuccessful. There were two successful popular uprisings: the April Uprising in 1960 and the June Uprising in 1987. These two popular uprisings toppled the Rhee Syngman puppet regime and the Chun Doo-hwan military fascist regime, respectively, and contributed immensely to antifascist democratization. However, due to the military coup of Park Chung-hee in 1961 under the control of

US imperialism and the winning of a fascist in the presidential election in 1987, South Korea has neither completed antifascist democratization nor moved toward anti-US independence. All because of the primary strategic enemy, US imperialism.

Therefore, in South Korea, after 1961, the revolutionary party of the working class was organized as an underground party, and since 1987, an anti-US independent movement has been established as the basic line of the South Korean revolution. South Korea's society and revolution have featured the relative independence since 1961. It is related to the speech of General Secretary Kim Il Sung at the fourth congress of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) that year.

WPK has consistently held to the theory of revolutionary base since 15 August 1945, which means North Korea is the democratic base of the whole Korean revolution.

The division of Korea began with the US military occupation of South Korea, so national liberation and reunification of Korea have the same essence: the realization of national independence on a nationwide scale.

As different societies with different characters were formed in the two regions, North and South, it is inevitable that different revolutions would take place in each. North Korea inherited the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution under Japanese imperialist rule and carried out an anti-feudal democratic revolution from 1945. After a three-year war from 1950 to 1953, the country transitioned to a socialist society by gradually socializing all means of production over three years from 1956 to 1958. Since then, it has been struggling for the complete victory of socialism. DPRK sees that the

strategic stages of realizing the people's independence has four stages, and specifically stipulates that the national liberation revolution is the elimination of national discrimination, the socialist revolution is the elimination of class discrimination, the complete victory of socialism is the elimination of class differences, and communism corresponds to the elimination of labor differences.

Therefore, currently, in Korea, a struggle for the complete victory of socialism, which is a regional revolution in North Korea, and a struggle for the national liberation democratic revolution, which is a regional revolution in South Korea, are being carried out at the same time. The national liberation revolution is a nationwide revolution because North Korea also has the same interests as the same nation. Thus, from the North Korean point of view, two revolutions are being promoted: a regional revolution which is the complete victory of socialism, and a nationwide revolution which is the national liberation revolution or national liberation democratic revolution. The national liberation democratic revolution is a formal concept in its completed form, and the national liberation revolution represents the essence of this revolution. North Korea sometimes mixes these two concepts. South Korea, however, has only one concept of the national liberation democratic revolution.

On 15 January 2024, General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivered his speech at the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, where he announced the historic "declaration of subjugation". This announcement led to changes in the theory described above. The most important change is that independence-first was replaced by subjugation-first.

DPRK had established the three points of line for the South Korean revolution and reunification: anti-US independence, antifascist democratization, and reunification of fatherland, condensing the goal, means, and methods in the theory of strategy and tactics of national liberation democratic revolution and adding the theory of reunification of fatherland. Anti-US independence and antifascist democratization correspond to national liberation democratic revolution, and reunification of fatherland is literally not a revolution but a reunification. The core task of anti-US independence is the withdrawal of the US army, the core task of antifascist democratization is the removal of the National Security Law, and the core task of national reunification is the agreement on the federal system. Here, anti-US independence is the antecedent process and central link of the revolution, and without anti-US independence, antifascist democratization and reunification are impossible. This is the theory of independence first.

However, in the “January Speech” above, the theory of subjugation first was raised, that is, North Korea recognized the South Korean “government” as a state and defined it as an “enemy state,” “belligerent state,” and “primary enemy”. It also declared that if “the Republic of Korea (ROK)” attacked the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, it would immediately strike back and subjugate the entire territory of the “ROK”.

In this context, the subjugation refers to the suppression of the revolt, i.e., annihilating the “ROK”, “a group of outsiders’ top-class stooges,” and annexing it to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

This will result in the liquidation of the pro-US, pro-Japanese,

and fascist groups, which are “the ROK clan”. In other words, from the perspective of the South Korean people, it means that the politically oppressive and economically exploitative ruling class would be eliminated. In other words, antifascist democratization will be completed.

Initially, the antifascist democracy was the democratization in the southern region since there is no fascist force in North Korea. However, in the current situation in which South Korea has failed to achieve this task by itself, the fascist forces in the South are becoming belligerent forces, and they are driving to war against North Korea. So now North Korea also has the task of accomplishing an antifascist democratization. It means that antifascist democratization was changed from a task at the local level to a nationwide one.

When analyzing this way, it becomes clear why the WPK amended the preface of its rule at its eighth congress in 2021. It is instructive to compare the preface to the rulebook as revised in the seventh congress with the preface as amended in 2021. The former stated: “The immediate purpose of the Workers Party of Korea is to build a strong socialist nation in the northern half of the Republic and to carry out the task of National Liberation Democratic Revolution on a nationwide scale. The ultimate goal of the Party is to make all societies Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist societies and to fully realize the independence of the people.” The latter, by contrast, stated: “The immediate goal of the Workers’ Party of Korea is to build a wealthy and civilized socialist society in the northern half of the Republic and to realize the voluntary and democratic development of society nationwide. The ultimate goal is to realize a communist

society in which the people's ideals are fully realized." The part of the newly amended rules, "to realize ... the democratic development of society nationwide" means democratization on the nationwide level.

The subjugation (of South Korea) is essentially the nationwide democratization—the antifascist democratization.

In brief, with the "January Speech," the theory of independence first was replaced by the theory of subjugation first. Concretely, the line of independence, democracy, and reunification changed into the line of subjugation, independence, democracy, and reunification, in which the subjugation is the nationwide democratization, and the democracy is the democratization at the local level. The former is the antifascist democracy and the latter is the people's democracy. There are two stages in realizing democracy. The first stage is the antifascist democracy to illuminate the fascist forces, and the higher stage is the people's democracy to nationalize the major means of production and to realize the welfare of the people. When the antifascist democracy is achieved in an unpeaceful way via the subjugation of the South, the tasks of people's democracy can be realized in a peaceful way.

The "declaration of subjugation" hastens the decisive moment for the Korean revolution and the South Korean revolution.

The flames of World War 3 started in Eastern Europe, passed through West Asia, and spread to East Asia. With the "New Cold War" strategy and war maneuvers of the imperialist camp, the possibility of an outbreak of wars in South Korea and Taiwan is increasing, as with the war in Ukraine and the war in Palestine. Once DPRK responds to the war provocation of US imperialism

and pro-US fascist forces by starting the war of subjugation, the South Korean revolution will enter its decisive stage. The imminent war in South Korea is, at the same time, an imminent revolution in South Korea.

Imperialism will be burnt to death in flames of its own wars

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The flames of World War 3, provoked by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe through the Middle East to East Asia.

Imperialism is at the root of all wars in the 20th as well as 21st centuries. Today, imperialism cunningly provokes wars and then blames them on the anti-imperialist camp. The overwhelming propaganda makes lies believable, proving that Josef Goebbels's ploy is still valid in this century. But it cannot hide blatant double standards and logical contradictions between the anti-Russian propaganda and pro-Israeli propaganda.

For the imperialist camp, which has lost its pretext for war, military violence is definitely the last bastion. But the entire world has come to realize that even it doesn't work in this era. After Zionist Israel attacked the Iranian consulate in Syria on April 1, Anti-imperialist Iran struck back on the Israeli mainland, hitting the Nevatim Air Base, where the F35s that bombed the consulate were stationed, with hypersonic missiles. Israel is insisting its attack on the Isfahan air base in Iran was

“retaliation,” but it is an unscrupulous deception of humanity, who clearly knows who provoked the war.

The anti-imperialist camp certainly does not want the escalation of the war, the expansion of the war in Palestine into the Middle East, and the expansion of the war in Ukraine into the wars in Palestine and the Middle East, but the imperialist war drive, like a runaway locomotive without brakes, has already gone beyond Eastern Europe and penetrated the Middle East. At present, it is the conscience and intellect of humanity, and their materialization, the righteous war deterrence of the anti-imperialist camp, that have the power to stop imperialism’s barbaric war drive, its deadly World War 3 maneuver. Regrettably, humanity has reached the point where it has to pin its hopes on anti-imperialist political power and war deterrence as the last resort to protect its destiny and life in the face of the explosion of World War 3.

The imperialist camp, provoking World War 3 step by step, has even carried out the heinous terrorist attack in Moscow. Convinced, based on objectively corroborated evidence, that the intelligence services of the USA, the UK, and Ukraine are behind it, the Russian authorities are placing primary responsibility on Ukraine, while simultaneously preparing a fundamental response to its manipulators, US-UK imperialists. The evidence is now so overwhelming that it is no secret who the founders of the so-called “Islamic terrorist organizations” are and who is funding and arming them. The imperialist terrorists will pay the price and will ultimately be destroyed.

All these streams of manipulation, provocation, and incitement are gathering to form the great river of wars in Eastern Europe

and the Middle East, and finally flowing into the ocean of World War. The imperialist strategy to provoke World War 3 and create a “New Cold War” is becoming increasingly apparent. The confrontation between the imperialist and anti-imperialist camps, confirmed by the wars in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, is finally heading toward the confirmation of World War 3 and the “New Cold War” through the war in East Asia, which will soon erupt.

As everyone acknowledges, the war in Ukraine promoted the war in Palestine and the Middle East. The wars in Ukraine, Palestine and the Middle East have promoted the wars in East Asia, that is, wars in South Korea and Taiwan. US imperialism is leaving no stone unturned to revive Japanese militarism and provoke local and proxy wars in East Asia that will reach a climax of World War 3, led by the South Korean fascist Yoon Suk-yeol, the Taiwanese Separationist Lai Ching-Te, and the pro-American puppets in the Philippines. Even if US imperialism is threatening by dispatching four aircraft carriers and tactical nukes on stealth aircraft, it cannot change its doomed fate.

As the world knows, it is impossible for the imperialist camp to win on the three fronts of Eastern Europe against Russia, the Middle East against Iran and other anti-imperialists, and East Asia against North Korea and China at the same time. It is evident in the constant defeat of the US-European imperialist NATO in the war in Ukraine under the Zelensky puppet regime; in Israel today being on the defensive by Hamas, Hezbollah, Ansar Allah (Houthi) forces, and Iran’s anti-Zionist anti-imperialist armed struggle; and in its retreat to proxy wars instead of directly confronting Russia, North Korea, and China.

Within the anti-imperialist camp, the strongest nuclear missile powers Russia, China and North Korea have already been united and forming a leading force, while anti-imperialist Islamic forces such as Iran, Hezbollah, Ansar Allah, and Hamas, along with anti-imperialist forces in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, are joining this just anti-imperialist action and struggle. This huge flow is a powerful anti-imperialist force never seen in human history.

The anti-imperialist camp, which encompasses the overwhelming majority of the world's humankind, will crush the foolish World War 3 maneuver of a handful of imperialists and move forward vigorously to a lasting peace and a new world where the people are the masters of politics and economics. Just as darkness cannot beat light, justice and truth will prevail.

Imperialism will perish in the flames of wars it causes. The united anti-imperialist force will make it so. The World Anti-imperialist Platform will become a spearhead of it. The people, united, will never be defeated. The people, united, will certainly win. From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!

The most important feature of the “New Cold War”

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The most important feature of the “New Cold War” is the position and role of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) within the anti-imperialist camp. As the most thoroughly socialist country, the DPRK occupies a key position and plays a pivotal role in this alliance.

Of all the existing socialist states, the DPRK adheres to socialist principles most thoroughly. Its society implements socialist principles in all fields of politics, economy and culture, and is growing stronger and more robust. The DPRK is building a powerful socialist state with the complete victory of socialism as its strategic goal.

It is a historic miracle that the DPRK, which is not a big country, was able to win wars against the imperialist powers of Japan and the United States, to complete its socialist industrialization in 14 years under conditions of the most draconian economic blockade that has been imposed by the imperialists since the Korean War 70 years ago, and to go on to become one of the world’s handful of nuclear missile powers.

This is the result of the DPRK's adherence to the principles of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy, and self-reliance in defence, implementing the revolutionary essence of Marxism-Leninism in the specific conditions of Korea. This also explains why the Workers Party of Korea (WPK), a revolutionary party of the working class, is the longest-ruling party in the world today.

The essence of the present world situation must be understood in the context of world war. As of April 2024, the flames of World War 3, entirely provoked by imperialism, are spreading rapidly from Eastern Europe to the Middle East and are travelling towards East Asia. The military actions of Russia, the Middle-Eastern resistance forces and Iran are all unavoidable and legitimate exercises of self-defence against the war provocations of imperialism and its proxies.

The war in Ukraine began with the Maidan coup d'état in 2014, intensified during the eight-year war in Donbass, and entered full swing in February 2022 with the launch of Russia's "special military operation". The war in the Middle East began its latest phase with the launch of Operation "al-Aqsa Flood" in October 2023, has been intensified by the actions of Hezbollah and Ansar Allah, and entered full swing with Iran's Operation "True Promise" in April 2024. World War 3, which began with the launch of Russia's special military operation and intensified with the latest outbreak of war in the Middle East, will enter full swing with the war in East Asia, which will be its climax.

The war in East Asia consists of the two wars that the imperialists are driving towards in South Korea and Taiwan. In their historic mutual-defence agreement of 1961, DPRK

President Kim Il Sung and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai agreed that if one party was attacked by imperialism, the other would automatically come to their aid. President Xi Jinping's visit to North Korea in 2019 reaffirmed this pact.

Since then, China has actively resolved the Hong Kong issue and taken a firmer approach to the question of Taiwan separatism. For China, the Taiwan issue is a crucial one that must be resolved at all costs, since the imperialists would like to use it to trigger a chain of artificially created separatist movements in the country.

War in East Asia will be waged between socialist DPRK (North Korea), China and capitalist Russia (with its socialist heritage) on one side and the US and Japanese imperialists with their principal puppets in the "Republic of Korea (ROK)" (South Korea) and Taiwan on the other. As in the other theaters of war, it will be a war between the anti-imperialist camp and the camp of imperialism and its local proxies.

While the USA will mobilize all its Indo-Pacific forces for such a war, both the DPRK and China have indicated that they are ready to use tactical nuclear weapons if their enemy should launch a pre-emptive strike against them. With its short vertical length (evidenced by the proximity of the two capitals), its high concentration of advanced and conventional weapons, and its hosting of the largest US military base in the world, the Korean Peninsula is bound to become the main focal point of such a war.

In January this year, the DPRK's leadership declared at the Supreme People's Assembly that they have defined the "ROK", which is "a group of outsiders' top-class stooges", as a "primary

enemy state”, and if the “ROK” provokes a war of invasion, the DPRK has made plans to immediately subjugate the southern half of Korea, eliminating the “ROK clan”. To prove its words with actions, the DPRK has conducted intensive military exercises for an advance into the South, including hypersonic missile tests and state-of-the-art high-tech tank warfare in response to the “US-ROK” joint war exercises aimed at North Korea.

The DPRK’s weapons tests and exercises are being conducted in a thoroughly practical manner in a series of concentric circles centered on the North to reach South Korea, Japan, Guam, Hawaii and finally the US mainland itself.

The expected war in South Korea, which would be the second Korean War, would be an antifascist, anti-imperialist war and a war for the subjugation. It must be the decisive trigger for the South Korean revolution. War in Taiwan would be an anti-imperialist, liberation war and a war of Chinese national reunification.

Thus we can see that the coming wars in South Korea and Taiwan will decisively change the destiny of the peoples of South Korea and Taiwan. War in East Asia will be a trigger for a great turn not only in the region but in the whole world, just as the Battle of Stalingrad was in World War 2.

Both the DPRK and China are socialist countries, the DPRK being the most thoroughly socialist country without any condition like “Chinese characteristics”. Through its victory, the socialist DPRK will significantly influence not only the South Korean people’s revolutionary prospects but also the revolutionary future of the whole world in ideological and

systemic ways.

The DPRK's historical experience of constructing a powerful state with independent politics, a self-sufficient economy, and a self-reliant military while overcoming the "Arduous March", during which it kept alive the principles of socialism during the most difficult conditions of the 1990s, is a precious asset of revolution for victory in the struggle against imperialism, fascism and reaction of all types. The process of a national liberation democratic revolution in South Korea, a colonial semi-capitalist society, will infuse scientific conviction and revolutionary optimism into the oppressed and exploited people around the world, who are groaning under a deformed capitalist society which is completely subordinated to imperialist powers.

World War 3 will reach its height when the war spreads to East Asia. Its outcome will be decided by the overwhelming power of military force and united people, by the "all-people resistance" highlighted in the "January Speech" by Chairman Kim Jong Un. The possible expansion of the war into Eastern Europe and the fate of Zionist Israel will depend entirely on whether the imperialist camp persists in frantic maneuvers. The anti-imperialist camp would certainly prefer for World War 3 to end in East Asia, but if the imperialist camp continues with its provocations, the anti-imperialist will respond them with dealing a crushing blow against imperialists.

The strongest anti-imperialist force in history is now taking shape. Within it are united the world's strongest nuclear and missile powers of the DPRK, China, and Russia alongside the broad masses of the oppressed from around the world, including the majority of the world's two billion Muslims. This force

is simultaneously and continuously striking at the already collapsing imperialist world, causing its leaders to tremble in fear of catastrophic destruction.

Today's great upheaval in world affairs will go forward to tomorrow's great transition and to a great upsurge of the future impelled by the great unity of the anti-imperialist camp. Socialism is the only future for humanity, and the DPRK is a beacon of that socialist future. Imperialism may have won a temporary victory in the "Cold War", but it will inevitably find itself the ultimate loser of the "New Cold War".

The eventual defeat of imperialism, in its essence, means global independence heading to socialism.

The world anti-imperialist peace force will certainly win

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We sincerely wish for peace. We never wish for war. All anti-imperialist forces worldwide, without exception, feel the same way. The world's anti-imperialist forces are the true world peace forces, but unfortunately, reality is going against our wishes.

In 2022, the war in Ukraine entered full swing. It began with the Maidan coup in 2014, intensified with the war in Donbass for eight years, and finally began in earnest in February 2022 with Russia's special military operation. The war in West Asia (war in the Middle East) started in October 2023 with Hamas's "Al-Aqsa Flood" operation, which erupted into the war in Palestine, intensified with the involvement of Hezbollah and Ansar Allah, and then entered full swing with Iran's "True Promise" operation in April 2024.

The flames of World War 3, provoked by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to West Asia and are traveling towards East Asia. Just as no one can deny that the war in Ukraine triggered the war in West Asia, it is also true that the wars in Ukraine and West Asia are triggering the war in East

Asia, specifically the wars in “the Republic of Korea (ROK)” and Taiwan. The wars in the “ROK” and Taiwan are inextricably and closely linked, with the outbreak of one automatically leading to the outbreak of the other. An agreement to this effect between the DPRK President Kim Il Sung and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai in 1961 was supposedly reaffirmed by the DPRK Chairman Kim Jong Un and Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2019.

The Korean War in the 1950s was an anti-imperialist war, a national liberation war, and a reunification war from the DPRK’s point of view. Currently, the DPRK has declared that if the war in the “ROK” breaks out, it will be a “war of subjugation”. Chairman Kim Jong Un’s speech at the Supreme People’s Assembly on 15 January has given much weight to it to be called a “declaration of subjugation”. When we analyze his speech, “The war of subjugation” is an antifascist and anti-imperialist war and an internal war. This is because it defines the “ROK” as “a group of outsiders’ top-class stooges”, while calling it an “enemy state” and a “belligerent state”.

In contrast, the war in Taiwan will be an anti-imperialist war, a national liberation war, and a war for reunification. In terms of fascistization, the “ROK” and Taiwan are on different levels. China and Taiwan do not define each other as “primary enemies” and can freely come and go to one another.

However, both the DPRK and China have virtually shared the same view that the peaceful path is closed and that only the non-peaceful path remains to fulfill the strategic goal of territorial integrity. China still does not explicitly deny the peaceful path, but in practice, has seen it as unlikely since the election of hardline separatist Lai Ching-te as Taiwanese

president in January and has been remarkably building up its military forces. The DPRK, through its “January speech”, proclaimed to delete the concept of “peaceful reunification” during the war of subjugation and to annihilate the “ROK” in the event of emergency. We should note that the prerequisite of “emergency” has been defined as “an invasion war against the North” but at the same time, has been abstracted and defined more comprehensively as “war provocation,” “armed conflict,” and “armed response.” There is no doubt that military tensions and hostilities between North and South Korea are now at their highest ever since the Korean War. In short, the likelihood of war in the “ROK” is at an all-time high. If the war in the “ROK” breaks out, the war in Taiwan will follow, and vice versa.

World War 3 began with the war in Ukraine in Eastern Europe, has escalated with the war in West Asia, and is likely to enter full swing with the wars in the “ROK” and Taiwan in East Asia. There is a lot of debate about whether we are in World War 3 or not, but when the wars in East Asia break out, everything will be clear.

World War 3 is part of the “New Cold War”. The imperialist powers are plotting World War 3 under their “New Cold War” strategy. Immediately after World War 2, the imperialist powers adopted the “Cold War” strategy to deflect from their own political and economic crises and directly fought hot wars against the smaller anti-imperialist countries. However, now the “New Cold War” has begun alongside World War 3, and they are waging hot wars in the form of proxy warfare against the most powerful anti-imperialist countries.

In addition, while during the “Cold War,” socialist forces

formed the leading force and national liberation forces formed the auxiliary force within the world anti-imperialist camp, during the “New Cold War”, the DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, and China, a socialist country with Chinese characteristics, as well as Russia, which has a socialist heritage, form the leading force as nuclear missile superpowers, and other anti-imperialist forces, including the two billion Muslim forces, form the auxiliary force within the world anti-imperialist camp.

As of May 2024, Russia’s overwhelming predominance in the war in Ukraine and Israel Zionist’s feeble performance in West Asia demonstrate the vulnerability of the imperialist camp. In particular, the imperialist camp’s logical contradiction between its anti-Russian and pro-Israeli propaganda has lost its pretext for war, which is eking with its manipulation. The world anti-war and peace force is a world anti-imperialist peace force in essence, as evidenced by the US university student protests.

It is the imperialist countries and their vassal countries that are experiencing political and economic crises, whether in terms of the approval ratings of those in power or terms of economic crisis and devastation of public welfare. It is also imperialism that is at a disadvantage in armed confrontation, as evidenced by the level of development and deployment of hypersonic missiles, which are considered an absolute weapon. Moreover, the imperialist camp is not as keen on winning the war as the anti-imperialist camp, and it has the decisive weakness of having to stick to proxy warfare with the disadvantage of expeditionary wars.

It is not only Zelensky in Ukraine and Netanyahu in Israel who are experiencing a severe political crisis as imperialist proxy

ruling powers; Yoon Suk-yeol of the “ROK” and Kishida of Japan also are. In particular, Yoon’s clique is facing an impeachment crisis after losing the general election in April. Due to the worst economic crisis, a desperate devastation of people’s livelihood, unprecedented corruption, and outright incompetence, Yoon is on the brink of a precipice of withdrawal and imprisonment, resulting in his finding an exit of fascistization and war.

The problem is that with the defeat in the general election, the situation has become unfavorable for fascistization; Yoon Suk-yeol clique has no choice but to move further toward the path of war under the control of US imperialism. It means that US imperialism is pushing him into the same situation as Rhee Syngman’s clique of the “ROK”, which lost the election in 1950. In fact, following last year, this year has seen the most extensive dangerous war exercises against the North continually and simultaneously, involving the US and sometimes even Japan. The formation of the “Asian version of NATO” is expected to become apparent soon, with Yoon and Kishida attending the NATO summit in Washington in July. The Korean Peninsula has become a tinderbox.

The people of the “ROK” can no longer tolerate the Yoon Suk-yeol government. The reality of the eve of war beyond corruption, incompetence, and fascistization shows our people that if we do not immediately put an end to the Yoon government, the war in the “the ROK” will break out, which will cause untold misery. This is another reason why Yoon’s clique was harshly judged by the last general election and why the candlelight uprising demanding Yoon’s resignation is spreading and intensifying. Yesterday, the People’s Democracy

Party vigorously carried out an antifascist and anti-imperialist demonstration here in Gwangju, the city famed for antifascist armed struggle, the city that loves democracy and peace, with the slogan of “Down with Yoon Suk-yeol!” along with the World Anti-imperialist Platform.

To implement the three major goals of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, the People’s Democracy Party is holding anti-imperialist peace demonstrations nationwide on the first Saturday of every month with the flag of the World Anti-imperialist Platform and is doing its best to play its role as the Platform’s organizer for the success of the World Anti-imperialist Platform’s congresses and meetings, which are being held with accelerating speed. Our party will keep the two main slogans of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, “Proletarians of the world, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated!” as scientific convictions and will unswervingly struggle to the end for the victory of our people and the people of the world, the victory of the world peace movement and the world anti-imperialist forces.

The situation of World War 3 and the tasks of the world anti-imperialist peace forces

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The current world situation can be summarized in one sentence: “The flames of World War 3, perpetrated by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to Western Asia (Middle East) and then to East Asia.” The provocateur of World War 3 is imperialism, and although the current war is in Ukraine, it is likely to expand to Eastern Europe; the war in Palestine is expanding to West Asia, and the crisis of the looming wars in the “ROK” and Taiwan is escalating in East Asia. The war in Ukraine triggered the war in Palestine and West Asia. The wars in Ukraine and West Asia are triggering the war in East Asia. If the war in East Asia breaks out, it will, in turn, promote the expansion of war into Eastern Europe and the escalation of the war in West Asia.

World War 3 began with the war in Ukraine, has intensified with the war in West Asia, and will enter full swing with the war in East Asia. The reason we describe the war as having the three stages of beginning, intensification, and being in full swing is that, in reality, not only do wars often progress through these

stages, but also there are many different opinions about the concept, nature, and beginning of war in general. This implies that although there may be different views on the beginning of war, no one disputes the existence of a war once it reaches the full-swing stage. The war in Ukraine is a good example. It is said to have started in 2022, but it actually began in 2014 with the Maidan coup. The eight-year war in the Donbass was an intensification of this war, and it entered full swing with Russia's "special military" operation in February 2022. There may be disagreements about the Maidan coup as the beginning of the war, but there is no doubt that the war in Ukraine has been ongoing since the "special military" operation. From this perspective, the war in West Asia began with Palestinian Hamas' Operation Al-Aqsa Flood in October 2023, intensified with resistance from Lebanese Hezbollah, Yemeni Ansar Allah, etc., and then entered full swing with Iran's Operation "True Promise" in April 2024. It can also be analyzed that World War 3 began with the war in Ukraine and is intensifying with the war in West Asia, and it is expected to enter full swing in the war in East Asia. We agree with the view that World War 2 began with the Manchurian Incident, the Japanese invasion of China in 1931, intensified thereafter, and then entered full swing with the German invasion of Poland in 1939.

A world war is a major war between two camps on a global scale. World War 1 was fought between the Allies and the Central Powers as an inter-imperialist war, and World War 2 was fought between the antifascist and fascist camps as an antifascist war. World War 3 is an anti-imperialist war fought between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps. The war in Ukraine is

essentially a war between an anti-imperialist country, Russia, and the NATO imperialist powers. The NATO imperialist forces, centered on the USA, are waging a proxy war, insidiously using Zelensky's Ukraine, a fascist and a puppet of imperialism. The imperialist camp, which is plotting and provoking World War 3, has made proxy wars a basic doctrine to avoid mutually assured destruction (MAD). The imperialist forces are waging proxy wars against the "axis of resistance" in West Asia, through an imperialist puppet and zionist Netanyahu, while against the DPRK and China, through their puppet and fascist, Yoon Seok-yeol's "ROK" and another puppet, Lai Ching-Te's Taiwan respectively.

We agree with the view that the war in East Asia has already begun if we do not limit the concept of war to "high-intensity" warfare but include "low-intensity" conflict. US imperialism has been annually accelerating the continuous joint military exercises of the US, the "ROK" military, and the Japanese Self-Defense Forces, especially in and around the Korean Peninsula, aimed at the DPRK and China, as nuclear war exercises. As a result, the military and diplomatic confrontation in Northeast Asia between the DPRK, China, and Russia on one axis and the USA, the "ROK", and Japan on the other has become increasingly intense. It is natural that the defense budget has increased proportionally and military exercises have become more frequent. The gravity of the problem cannot be overstated: war in East Asia is highly likely to involve tactical nuclear weapons. The USA has a history of nuclear threats against North Korea and China dating back to the immediate aftermath of World War 2. It is no secret that even during the Korean War

in the 1950s, the USA was actively considering a nuclear strike on the DPRK and China, as proposed by its commander. In the end, China and the DPRK were forced to arm themselves with nuclear weapons as a deterrent to nuclear war, and now, together with Russia, they are nuclear and missile superpowers with all kinds of nuclear weapons and delivery systems. This is why even if the USA plans to wage war in East Asia, which is an integral part of World War 3, it will not be an all-out nuclear war between the USA and DPRK-China, but a limited nuclear war, i.e., proxy war and tactical nuclear war. The USA has been overtly practicing nuclear war drills against North Korea that mobilize tactical nukes since the 1990s, with specific operation names, and it has reached the stage where the DPRK has vowed to respond with tactical nuclear weapons, and China also has been conducting military exercises to counterattack with tactical nuclear weapons. China recently held a military exercise to surround Taiwan in response to the inauguration of Lai Ching-Te. Judging from media reports alone, the likelihood of tactical nuclear use in East Asia is higher than in Eastern Europe.

It is also important to note that military tensions in East Asia are escalating in conjunction with political and economic crises in the “ROK”, Taiwan, and Japan, such as the Netanyahu administration in Israel, which is facing the biggest political crisis. The Kishida government’s approval rating is hitting rock bottom due to the corruption scandal of the Liberal Democratic Party, and Taiwan’s ruling party lost the recent local elections outright. In particular, the Yoon Suk-yeol government of the “ROK” faces the risk of impeachment after the crushing defeat in the last general election. Just before the Korean War in the

1950s, the Rhee Syngman government in the “ROK” was also amid a political crisis after losing the general election. It is not surprising that the ruling fascists would choose war as a way out of the political and economic crisis.

At the root of the political crisis in Ukraine and Israel, which are already at war, and in the “ROK” and Taiwan, where war is imminent, is the economic crisis and the collapse of people’s livelihoods, which also stem from the global economic crisis caused by the imperialist forces. The imperialist powers are slyly trying to deflect from its political and economic crisis by launching a major war on a global scale while blaming their proxies for the global economic crisis caused by boundless greed, savage plunder and invasion of capital and for the economic crisis and public welfare disaster in each country caused by capitalism and neocolonialism. This is why they are using the deception of “de-risking” by launching the “New Cold War” strategy with World War 3. In recent centuries, wars have been the biggest money-making opportunities for monopoly capital, and the arms dealers and the military-industrial complex have always been behind world wars. It is the military-industrial complex and oil barons who are profiting from the wars in Ukraine and West Asia, and it is the people, including workers, who are dying from bombing and fighting, conscription and recruitment, destruction of buildings, and inflation.

The people are a peaceful force that loves peace and hates war. As the root of war is imperialism, it is inevitable and natural for peace forces to engage in anti-imperialist struggles. Since 2014, the people of the Donbass region in Eastern Europe have been resisting the Ukrainian fascist forces in armed struggle;

the people of the “axis of resistance” including the Palestinian people in West Asia have been staging armed struggles against the Israeli Zionist forces; the people of the “ROK” in East Asia have been uprising against the pro-US fascist warmongers, and the people of Taiwan have been fighting against the pro-US separatist forces. It is no coincidence that the pro-Palestinian and anti-Zionist, anti-war peace protests of the US university students are spreading around the world, including Europe. The Israeli Zionist genocide of Palestinians and war provocations eventually made even Western European countries such as Spain recognize Palestine as a state. Just as all capital exploits the world unitedly, the people are also united on a global scale to resist it. The world is moving toward a great transition through the resistance and struggle of anti-imperialist forces in the great upheaval period of World War 3. The DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, has become the strongest nuclear and missile power, occupying a key position and playing an important role within the anti-imperialist camp. In this camp, China, a socialist country with Chinese characteristics, and Russia, a country with socialist heritage, are forming the leading force with the DPRK, and the world’s anti-imperialist forces, including the two billion Muslims, form the auxiliary forces. The imperialist camp lost its pretext for war due to the logical contradiction between its anti-Russian and pro-Israeli propaganda. The imperialist camp is losing in both military and pretext. It has neither the will nor the ability to win in three major theaters simultaneously: Eastern Europe, West Asia, and East Asia. The victory of the anti-imperialist countries in the war in East Asia will be a decisive step for the victory of the world’s anti-imperialist camp in World

War 3, just like the Battle of Stalingrad was in World War 2.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform, which was formed in Paris, France, in October 2022 by anti-imperialist forces around the world, centered on communist forces in each country, has been holding anti-imperialist conferences with important political declarations and organizing popular anti-imperialist rallies in Belgrade, Serbia, in December 2022, Caracas, Venezuela, in March 2023, Seoul, South Korea, in May 2023, and Athens, Greece, in November 2023, and carrying out anti-imperialist joint struggles on a global scale. Chanting the slogans of “Workers of the world, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated!,” the World Anti-imperialist Platform continues to innovate and move forward to fulfill its three goals: mass struggle against imperialism, ideological warfare against pro-imperialist opportunist forces, and the strengthening of the international communist movement. Today, we are gathered in Madrid, Spain, to analyze the world situation and seek the path of justice, peace, and victory, which will serve as a guide to illuminate the popular and revolutionary practical struggle of the future.

It is an immutable truth proven by history that the people are the true masters of society, marching toward a society in which they carve out their own destiny. We are convinced that the just world peace and anti-imperialist forces will achieve the final victory and usher in a new world of independence and peace without imperialism and fascism, and a new world of progress and equality where the people become masters.

The united people will undoubtedly achieve the final victory

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1. The Trump administration's decoupling policy is a policy to keep China in check only economically and has no intention of separating Taiwan. The Biden administration's de-risking policy, on the other hand, appears to be a lower level of economic restraint than the decoupling policy. However, in reality, it is premised on the idea of pushing for the separation of Taiwan and even a war between the USA and China, even if it is a proxy war. In other words, in the media, the Biden administration appears to be more peace-oriented in its foreign policy toward China than the Trump administration, but this is just cunning propaganda. The Biden administration's current National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, suddenly announced the New Washington Consensus in April 2023, whose core concept is the de-risking policy. De-risking seems to be a policy that inherits the neoliberal policy of the Washington Consensus and adapts it to suit the current conditions. It seems that it intends not to escalate the confrontation between the USA and China to war. However, in essence, it is using a peaceful gesture to make a

propaganda campaign to make China an aggressor, saying that if the Cross Strait war breaks out, it is not due to the USA, but to China's belligerence.

If Trump comes to power, he will hand off Ukraine without delay and also withdraw US troops from the "Republic of Korea (ROK)" as promised. Recently, Trump has mentioned the removal of US troops from the "ROK" as a campaign pledge, and his nominee for National Security Advisor has given press interviews elaborating on it. The withdrawal of US troops from the "ROK" is believed to have been an internal promise made by Trump and Chairman Kim Jong Un during the Singapore Summit in 2018, the Hanoi Summit in 2019, and their meeting at Panmunjom. Of course, this is not because Trump has a progressive ideology but because he has made a realistic calculation that it is unfavorable for the USA to drag the confrontation with Russia, the DPRK, and China into a war. On the other hand, there is a group representing neocons in the Republican Party who have a different line from Trump. One of its representative figures, Roger Wicker, a Republican member of the US Senate Armed Services Committee, made a belligerent statement at the end of May that tactical nuclear weapons should be deployed in the "ROK" and named China and the DPRK as a "new axis of aggressors" in addition to the countries currently fighting wars with Russia and Iran. This inherited Republican President Bush's designation of the DPRK and Iran as an "axis of evil" along with Iraq just before the Iraq War in 2003.

2. The current world situation can be summarized in one sentence: "The flames of World War 3, perpetrated by

imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to West Asia (Middle East) and then to East Asia.” The war in Ukraine triggered the war in West Asia. The wars in Ukraine and West Asia are triggering the war in East Asia, and then the war in East Asia again fuels the expansion of the war in Eastern Europe and West Asia.

However, with the recent warmongering statements and aggressive anti-Russian policies of NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg, French President Macron, and US President Biden, Ukraine has been provided with new offensive weapons, which could be used to attack the Russian mainland, raising the possibility that an escalation in Eastern Europe could occur before, rather than after, the war in East Asia. If so, this escalation in Eastern Europe will be an objective trigger that could further trigger an already imminent war in East Asia.

In fact, military tensions in East Asia have been rising in proportion to the rising military tensions in Eastern Europe. China staged a military exercise called “Joint Sword-2024A” that surrounded Taiwan to coincide with the separatist Lai Ching-Te’s inauguration as Taiwan’s president, and declared its intention to resume the exercise in a different version. On the Korean Peninsula, the US recently staged another nuclear war drill against the DPRK, mobilizing its “Death Swan” nuclear strategic bombers, while the September 2018 Pyongyang Joint Declaration signed by the DPRK and the “ROK” was negated by the “ROK’s” provocations against the DPRK.

In particular, the impeachment crisis created by Yoon’s defeat in the April general election and plunging approval ratings also forces the Yoon Suk-yeol fascist group to resort to extreme and

belligerent war provocations to deflect the political crisis. The political crisis is also affecting the Kishida government in Japan. In Taiwan, the Lai Ching-Te government is already in a minority in parliament and has lost the recent local elections as well, and is in a similar state. The US imperialism is using Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines in the “first island chain” as “impenetrable aircraft carriers” to enforce its policy of blockading China and to escalate the “Cross-Strait war crisis” between China and Taiwan and the war crisis in the South China Sea.

3. In World War 3 between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps, in other words, a confrontation in the “New Cold War”, the anti-imperialist camp has a clear advantage in terms of capabilities and pretext, which is different from the Cold War in the past. While the “Cold War” began with the end of World War 2, the “New Cold War” began with the outbreak of World War 3.

In the “Cold War,” socialist and national liberation forces were the leading and auxiliary forces, respectively, in the anti-imperialist camp, but in the “New Cold War,” the DPRK, China, and Russia form the leading force, and other world’s anti-imperialist forces, including Muslim forces, are the auxiliary forces. The anti-imperialist forces in the “New Cold War” are waging a just war as a force of justice that aims for antifascism, liberation, and reunification.

We are confident of the final victory of the anti-imperialist forces, which are much stronger and have a clearer pretext than during the “Cold War.” It is impossible for the imperialist camp, which is losing even in one battlefield, Ukraine, in Eastern Europe, to win in three battlefields simultaneously, including West Asia and East Asia. Moreover, Russia and the “Axis of

Resistance,” China, and the DPRK are all desperately fighting wars at close range on the mainland with the great cause of antifascism, liberation, and reunification, while the imperialist powers have to wage expeditionary and proxy wars and have no vital needs.

Like the military power of Russia, China’s economic and diplomatic power also have significant meaning in overcoming the imperialist sanctions. The thorough socialist principles of the DPRK is also important in proposing the way to move forward after the anti-imperialist camp won World War 3 and the “New Cold War”. First and foremost, the war in the “ROK” will be a decisive chance for the revolution in the “ROK”. As the revolution succeeds in the “ROK”, it will achieve federal reunification with the DPRK. And it will advance the process to a society where the workers and people become the real masters of national sovereignty and means of production.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform, struggling with the banners of “Workers of the world, unite!” and “The People, united, will never be defeated!”, will always be in the front line in struggle to advance the final victory of anti-imperialist camp. We are convinced that the justice and truth of our era, the great cause of anti-imperialism, antifascism, sovereignty and peace, liberation and reunification, will be achieved by the power of united people on uprising as the history proves.

The strong alliance between the DPRK and Russia is a powerful guarantee to advance a victory for the anti-imperialist camp

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The DPRK-Russia "Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership" is essentially an alliance treaty. This treaty between the DPRK and Russia, announced on June 19, 2024, in Pyongyang, represents the highest level of relations between two countries in history, including the one between the DPRK and the former Soviet Union. For instance, Article 4, which stipulates, "In case any one of the two sides is put in a state of war by an armed invasion from an individual state or several states, the other side shall provide military and other assistance with all means in its possession without delay," is almost identical to Article 1 of the "Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance" between the DPRK and Russia, signed on July 6, 1961. It is also confirmed by Putin's remarks at the press conference in Hanoi.

We should note that Russia has now signed the treaty with the DPRK, at a time when the war in East Asia is imminent, at the same level as the Soviet Union signed with the DPRK just before Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. The former socialist country,

Russia, is taking a step at the level of the Soviet Union, which was the original socialist state and the guiding and leading force during the antifascist war, World War 2. This is particularly significant given that the treaty counterpart DPRK is the most steadfast socialist country and has already fought a war against 16 allied countries including the USA.

In other words, Russia has declared to the world that it is determined to fight imperialism by establishing the highest level of strategic relations, essentially an alliance, with the DPRK, the most steadfast socialist and anti-imperialist country. Also, it has significant meaning because the treaty was signed under conditions where Russia had already seized a clear victory in a two-year war practically against NATO through its special military operation in Ukraine, and where the USA and NATO, panicked by this, have allowed Ukraine to attack the Russian mainland with the weapons they supplied.

Although the USA calls the “ROK” and Japan its allies, the “Mutual Defense Treaty between the Republic of Korea and the United States” of October 1, 1953, only states that in the event of an armed attack the parties will “consult together” in Article 2. Article 4 of the same treaty states “The Republic of Korea grants, and the United States of America accepts, the right to dispose United States land, air and sea forces in and about the territory of the Republic of Korea,” which demonstrates the true nature of their relationship: imperialist and colony. “The Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan” of June 23, 1960, only stipulates in Article 4 that the parties will “consult together,” and in Article 5, in the event of an armed attack “act to meet the common danger”. Therefore,

these two treaties fundamentally differ from the DPRK-Russia Treaty on June 19. “North Atlantic Treaty” of April 4, 1949, also only stipulates in Article 4, “consult together” and the Article 5 merely states “consequently they agree ... each of them ... will assist by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary” in the event of an armed attack. By contrast, this treaty between the DPRK and Russia is not only the highest level among the historic treaties between the two countries, but it is also incomparably stronger than other similar treaties on the planet. It is especially significant given the essential characteristics of the current political situation.

The current world situation can be summarized as “the flames of World War 3 perpetrated by imperialism are spreading from Eastern Europe to Western Asia and then to East Asia.” World War 3 began with Russia’s special military operation in February 2022, has intensified with Hamas’s Operation Al-Aqsa Flood in October 2023 and Iran’s Operation True Promise in April 2024, and will enter full swing when the war in East Asia erupts.

Meanwhile, from the imperialist side, the high probability of Trump’s victory in the US presidential election in November, who will likely hand off from the war in Ukraine if he comes to power, can be a severe unstable factor.

Therefore, in order to make World War 3 an irreversible trend regardless of whether Trump is elected or not, considering that the DPRK and China are keeping patient with “strategic patience” and not entangled in imperialist provocations in East Asia, imperialism seems to change its direction to expand the already ongoing wars in Ukraine and West Asia to promote the

flow of World War 3.

These signs have been especially intense since the end of May 2024. In addition to the weapons mentioned above provided to Ukraine to attack the Russian mainland, the imperialists have begun to deploy troops to Ukraine, sharply expanded its arms supply, and even NATO countries, including the USA, have practiced firing tactical nuclear weapons against Russia in war simulations. In West Asia, Israeli Zionism has now reached the stage of deciding on an all-out war against Hezbollah, attacking Rafah at the same time.

Signs of war in East Asia are also surging. The USA has been conducting nuclear war exercises against North Korea by continuously putting strategic assets such as nuclear strategic bombers and nuclear aircraft carrier battle groups in the “ROK.” The USA in particular has been promoting the separatist movement in Taiwan, making the Yoon Suk-yeol government of the “ROK,” the Kishida government of Japan, the Lai Ching-te government of Taiwan, and the Marcos Jr. government of the Philippines the “first island chain” surrounding China. All of these governments are facing plummeting approval ratings due to political and economic crises, forcing them to resort to shocking events such as war as the only way out under the control of their master, the USA.

Above all, Western imperialism, including the USA, is acting strategically to expand NATO, the imperialist aggressors, not only to the North Atlantic but also to the Pacific. It has already established the “Indo-Pacific” policy, which is a step further from the “Pivot to Asia” policy, and formed the “AUKUS” and “QUAD” to form an encirclement that isolates China, the

DPRK, and Russia while fiercely conducting various joint war exercises and nuclear war drills to raise a war crisis. The Biden administration's talk of the "New Washington Consensus" or "de-risking" is just a deception to cover up its war efforts.

In this international situation, the DPRK-Russia relations of comprehensive strategic partnership at the highest level create a major rupture in the imperialist camp's encirclement. Most importantly, the DPRK has been freed from all sorts of sanctions, and Russia has gained a powerful ally in the Far East. The two countries will jointly develop the Tumen River region, benefiting enormously from exchanges and cooperation in logistics, energy, high-tech industry, and agriculture and from the extensive development of a relatively vulnerable region. Above all, military cooperation between nuclear and missile-armed states with all nuclear weapons and delivery systems will have a synergistic effect and contribute significantly to regional and global peace and stability. In short, this all-round strategic cooperation and alliance, including in the military field, between the two strongest bastions of the anti-imperialist camp in the situation of World War 3 will add significant momentum to the strengthening of anti-imperialist forces, and advance the final victory of the anti-imperialist camp.

US imperialism and NATO cannot avoid defeat in World War 3

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The move to form an “Asian version of NATO” is perilous, as it could be a decisive step towards war in East Asia, where military tensions are already rising sharply.

Russia’s special military operation in 2022 was launched in response to the Maidan coup in 2014 and the subsequent eight-year massacre in Donbass, as well as Ukraine’s push to join NATO. President of “the Republic of Korea (ROK),” Yoon Suk-yeol, and Prime Minister of Japan, Fumio Kishida, are attending three consecutive NATO summits in Madrid in 2022, Vilnius in 2023, and Washington in 2024.

This shows the imperialist camp’s new strategy to conquer the world in order to realize the “Indo-Pacificization of NATO,” i.e., to form an Asian version of NATO by promoting the “AUKUS” and “Quad” groupings. It confirms the essence of the Obama administration’s “Pivot to Asia” policy and the Biden administration’s “Indo-Pacific strategy.”

This also shows that the imperialist camp has established and is carrying out a new hegemonic strategy according to which it

strengthens and expands NATO to use it as a tool for dominating the world, since Russia and China have resolutely opposed the diktat and hegemonic policies of the US and imperialist camp in the UN Security Council, such as the sanctions against the DPRK. It reflects imperialism's weakness, not its strength.

The imperialist camp has long been planning for the "New Cold War" structure and the fundamental way to realize it is with the ongoing World War 3.

While the "Cold War" began after World War 2 when the socialist camp expanded globally and the imperialist camp, fearing this, declared "Trumanism" and implemented the "Marshall Policy," the "New Cold War" began with World War 3 and will enter full swing after the end of World War 3.

The "Cold War" and the "New Cold War" are all confrontational wars between anti-imperialist and imperialist camps. However the difference is that the leading and auxiliary forces in the former are the socialist and national liberation forces, respectively, while in the latter, the socialist DPRK and China, the former socialist Russia are leading forces and other world anti-imperialist forces, including the "Axis of Resistance," like Iran, are auxiliary forces.

Also, in the "Cold War," the imperialist camp locally waged "hot wars" against small socialist or national liberation countries, while in the "New Cold War," the imperialist camp is trying to wage "hot wars" against socialist or former socialist powerful countries. However, for fear of mutually assured destruction (MAD), it strictly uses proxy warfare.

The most important feature of the "New Cold War" is that the DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, has joined the ranks

of the nuclear and missile superpowers, occupying a key position and playing an important role in the anti-imperialist camp. It is also important that China and Russia, which have traditionally had bad relations, are united in the anti-imperialist camp. It is also noteworthy that the “Axis of Resistance,” including Iran, has joined the anti-imperialist camp with 2 billion Muslims.

With these features in the forces, plus the noble cause of antifascism, liberation, and reunification, the anti-imperialist camp is overwhelming the imperialist camp.

The imperialist camp’s war-provocative strategies threatening with expeditionary, proxy, and mixed wars are also out of their element owing to the anti-imperialist camp’s strategy and tactics of not getting involved in the war as much as possible to build up its pretexts for war but to confront it fiercely, directly, and all-out once the war breaks out. It is no coincidence that NATO and other imperialist forces are being pushed back in Ukraine and that zionism is being cornered in West Asia (Middle East).

The current world situation can be summarized in one sentence: “The flames of World War 3, instigated by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to West Asia and traveling toward Eastern Asia.”

The war in Ukraine began with the Maidan coup d’état in 2014, intensified with the eight-year civil war in Donbass, and entered full swing with Russia’s special military operation in 2022.

The war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist, antifascist war in which Russia fights against NATO imperialism and Zelensky’s fascist forces, a liberation war to liberate the Ukrainian people, including ethnic Russians, and a preventive war to prevent an invasion of Russia, which is the final objective of NATO’s

eastward policy.

The root of the war in West Asia is the emergence of Zionist Israel in 1948. As a response to its blatant provocations, this war began with the Palestinian “Al-Aqsa Flood” operation in 2023, intensified with the joining of Hezbollah and Ansar Allah (Houthi) forces, and entered full swing with Iran’s operation “True Promise” in 2024.

The war in West Asia is an anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist war against imperialism and Zionism, and a liberation war to liberate the Palestinian people.

It is true that the war in Ukraine influenced the outbreak of the war in West Asia, and the war in Ukraine and the war in West Asia are triggering the outbreak of the war in East Asia.

The war in Taiwan, one of the two pillars of the war in East Asia, is an anti-imperialist war in which China and Taiwanese people confront imperialism, a national liberation war to liberate Taiwan, which is one nation with China, and a national reunification war in which China and Taiwan, which are the same nation, become one; the other pillar, the war in the “ROK”, is an antifascist anti-imperialist war to liquidate the fascist and pro-US-Japanese factions in the “ROK” and to drive out US imperialism, a war of subjugation declared by the DPRK at its Supreme People’s Assembly in January, and an internal war to eliminate “a group of outsiders’ top-class stooges” in the one-nation state.

However, as the war intended and provoked by the imperialist camp in East Asia is being delayed by the “strategic patience” of the DPRK and China, the imperialist camp, impatient with the approach of the November US presidential election, is moving

toward promoting and expanding the already ongoing wars in Ukraine and West Asia.

This trend has been particularly evident as the preparatory meetings are held in the run-up to the July NATO summit in Washington, with the Russian advance in Ukraine to Kharkov and the defeat of the warmongers of Western Europe in the European Parliament. As NATO has threatened Russia with the mobilization of its nuclear aircraft carrier groups and tactical nuclear exercises in the Arctic, Baltic, and Mediterranean, Russia has responded with military exercises to strengthen unity with its allies.

Since the USA and NATO seek to encircle Russia and China by expanding their reach beyond the Atlantic to the Pacific, Russia has responded with a new alliance strategy encompassing Eurasia alongside China.

This is why, after his victory in the March elections, Putin first visited China, Belarus, Uzbekistan, and then the DPRK and Vietnam.

Among them, his visit to the DPRK to sign the “Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the DPRK and Russia” on June 19 was so important that it became a global issue for a while.

This treaty, signed on June 19, established the strongest alliance ever between the DPRK and Russia, including the former Soviet Union. Even the US treaties with the “ROK” and Japan are not stronger than this treaty, nor are those between NATO members.

Article 4 of this DPRK-Russia treaty on June 19, which stipulates, “In case any one of the two sides is put in a state of war by an armed invasion from an individual state or several

states, the other side shall provide military and other assistance with all means in its possession without delay,” is almost identical to Article 1 of the “Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance” between the DPRK and Soviet Union, signed on July 6, 1961. But the former additionally includes Article 3: “In case a direct threat of armed invasion is created ... the two sides shall immediately operate the channel of bilateral negotiations”.

When we see the US treaties with its allies, the “ROK” and Japan, the “Mutual Defense Treaty between the Republic of Korea and the United States” of October 1, 1953, only states that in the event of an armed attack, the parties will “consult together” in Article 2. Article 4 of the same treaty states, “The Republic of Korea grants, and the United States of America accepts, the right to dispose United States land, air and sea forces in and about the territory of the Republic of Korea.” “The Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan” of June 23, 1960, only stipulates in Article 4 that the parties will “consult together,” and in Article 5, in the event of an armed attack “act to meet the common danger.” Both are feeble in alliance compared to the DPRK-Russia treaty of June 19. Article 4 of the Treaty between the “ROK” and the USA of October 1, 1953, is a shameful clause between imperialist and colony that leaves all decisions to the USA.

The 2024 DPRK-Russia Treaty has a different background than the 1961 DPRK-Soviet Union Treaty. The latter was concluded just before the Caribbean crisis in 1962, and the former was just before the war in East Asia, but the war in Ukraine has already been going on for more than two years and the war in West Asia

is underway. In addition, Russia, a capitalist country, is heading the same way as the Soviet Union, a socialist state and the guiding and leading force in the world antifascist war in World War 2.

The DPRK had experience defending itself in the war in 1950-1953, in which it fought against 16 allied countries, including the most powerful imperialist of the time, the USA. However, unlike then, the DPRK is now a nuclear and missile superpower with nuclear warheads and delivery systems.

In other words, the treaty that Russia and the DPRK, as nuclear and missile superpowers, signed during and facing the war, respectively, is the strongest in history and stronger than any of the imperialists' alliance treaties.

The DPRK is preparing for an imminent war in the "ROK" by reaffirming the 1961 treaty with China when Chinese President Xi Jinping visited the DPRK in 2019 and by further strengthening the 1961 treaty with the Soviet Union via the treaty with Russia of June 19, 2024.

This shows that the DPRK is thoroughly adhering to the strategic tasks of strengthening unity with international revolutionary forces, one of the three revolutionary capabilities for the reunification of 1964, and preparing a favorable international environment for reunification, one of the five policies for reunification declared in May 1990.

Invasion and plunder are core characteristics of imperialists. Imperialism is the main culprit and root of all the wars that have been fought over the centuries and beyond. We must not be fooled by all the cunning maneuvers that imperialism wages to deflect political and economic crises and to shift the blame for

its wars onto the anti-imperialist camp, all for its own insatiable greed.

Both Trump and Biden are merely political agents of the US state monopoly capital, the head of contemporary imperialism. We recognize that both of their ways represent imperialist policies, just different methods of ruling.

However, we note that Trump has said, for any reason, that if he comes to power, he will withdraw from the war in Ukraine, hold talks with the DPRK Chairman Kim Jong Un, and even consider removing US troops from Korea. We also note that Biden's seemingly milder de-risking policy compared to Trump's decoupling of the USA and China, which is limited to the economic sector, is actually a decisive measure for the separation of Taiwan, which could bring about a war between China and Taiwan, leading to the war in the "ROK".

Therefore, we must keep a close eye on the imperialist camp's belligerent rhetoric and war provocations, which are becoming more frequent and intense, in the context of the November US presidential election, where Trump is likely to be elected, and the emergence of "Democrats nominee replacement claim" after the recent televised debate between Trump and Biden.

In order to start World War 3 in earnest, the war in East Asia is necessary, and it is inevitable that it will occur in some way, whether directly caused by waging war in the "ROK" and the war in Taiwan in East Asia or indirectly promoted through expansion of the war in Eastern Europe and escalation of the war in West Asia.

We certainly do not want war, and we will make every effort to prevent it, but if war breaks out inevitably, we cannot miss the

strategic importance of channelling the momentum of this war into a revolution.

In this sense, facing World War 3, we should refer to both the experience of World War 2, which was an antifascist war, in terms of anti-imperialist war, and the experience of World War 1, which turned the war into a decisive stage of revolution.

Imperialism won the “Cold War,” but it will lose the “New Cold War” due to its inherent vulnerability. The overwhelming forces, justifiable pretext, and operational superiority of the anti-imperialist camp are potent guarantees for advancing the victory. In World War 3, US imperialism and NATO cannot avoid defeat. The final victory of the anti-imperialist camp is certain.

The world anti-imperialist camp will certainly win

Contribution to the Washington International Conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, hosted jointly with the Party of Communists USA (PCUSA), on July 8, 2024

The flames of World War 3, instigated by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to West Asia (the Middle East) and traveling toward East Asia. The main culprit in provoking war in the modern world is imperialism. Imperialism is provoking World War 3 to form the “New Cold War” confrontation. The war in Ukraine began with the Maidan coup in 2014 and entered full swing with the launch of Russia’s special military operation in 2022. The war in Palestine began with Hamas’ operation “Al-Aqsa Flood” as a response to Zionist occupation and endless provocations. The war in Ukraine didn’t immediately expand into a wider war across Eastern Europe, but the war in Palestine immediately expanded into a wider war across West Asia. The war in West Asia began with the “Al-Aqsa Flood” operation and entered full swing with Iran’s operation “True Promise”. It is a war between Israeli Zionism and the “Axis of Resistance,” including Iran. While the war in Ukraine was a trigger for the war in West Asia, the wars in Ukraine and West Asia are now acting as triggers for war in East Asia. We

can expect the war in East Asia to promote the expansion of the war in Eastern Europe and the further escalation of war in West Asia.

Imperialism is driving World War 3 to the point of no return in the run-up to November's US presidential election. The imperialists are trying to prevent Donald Trump from coming to power, fearing that he may try to pull the USA out of the war in Ukraine, and even withdraw the country from NATO. While the DPRK and China are enduring constant imperialist provocations with patience, and are refraining from precipitously launching a war in East Asia, the imperialists are frantically trying to expand their ongoing wars in Ukraine and West Asia. They have given explicit permission to Ukrainian forces for direct attacks on Russian territory with NATO-provided long-range weapons. France has sent its own troops to Ukraine, and its nuclear aircraft carrier Charles De Gaulle has conducted military exercises in the Mediterranean, threatening Russia's military port in Syria, while French Rafale fighters flew to Kaliningrad as part of this tactical nuclear drill. In the same vein, the US army rehearsed the deployment of its containerized missile launcher, capable of firing tactical nukes, in Bornholm, Denmark. The Baltic Sea has been transformed into the "NATO Sea", and Poland is requesting the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons. Meanwhile, Israel has launched a brutal attack on 1.5 million civilians camped out in Rafah, continuing to massacre civilians and to push for an escalation of the war against Hezbollah in Lebanon. Like Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky, whose presidency is over, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has no other option but to expand the war, beleaguered by plunging approval

ratings, protests demanding his resignation, and cabinet resignations.

A world war is a major war between camps on a global scale. World War 1 was an interimperialist war, World War 2 was an antifascist war, and World War 3 is an anti-imperialist war. Unlike World War 1, World War 2 and World War 3 were just wars waged under the banner of antifascism and anti-imperialism for one of the sides. The anti-imperialist camp does not want war; it actively pursues peace. It has always been imperialism that wants and provokes wars. Imperialism plots, instigates and provokes wars to maintain and expand its colonies, to militarize the economy and earn monopolistic superprofits through special demand for war. Through means of war it aims to strengthen the imperialist camp and crush the anti-imperialist camp. The Korean war, the Vietnam war and the Iraq war were not world wars, which are large wars between camps on a global scale, but local wars limited to one country. The war in Ukraine, the war in West Asia, and the impending war in East Asia are World War 3 in which Russia, the “Axis of Resistance” such as Iran, the DPRK and China form the anti-imperialist camp while the USA and Europe form the imperialist camp. In the present situation, we have one war against imperialism, an anti-imperialist war, and one front against imperialism, an anti-imperialist front. There is only one war and one front, but several battlefields. The three main battlefields are in Eastern Europe, West Asia, and East Asia. Although fighting is taking place in many parts of West Asia, these essentially form a single battlefield against Israeli zionism and its imperialist masters waged by the “Axis of Resistance”.

The war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a war of liberation, a preventive war. The war in West Asia is an anti-imperialist, anti-zionist liberation war. The war in Taiwan will be an anti-imperialist liberation war and a war of reunification. The war in the “Republic of Korea (ROK)” will be an antifascist, anti-imperialist war of subjugation and an internal war. Although each of these three battlefields has different specific characters, all have the essential commonality of being anti-imperialist wars. The opposition to imperialism is a banner of justice that represents our era. Even if the imperialist camp denies it, it cannot deny the just nature of antifascism, liberation and national reunification. The war of the anti-imperialist camp is not only a just war waged against imperialism but also a just war waged under the banner of antifascism, liberation and reunification. In World War 3, justice is entirely on the side of the anti-imperialist camp.

Monopoly capital is the domestic expression, while imperialism is the external expression. Monopoly capital conceals the contradiction of polarization between lower and upper with the two-party system of “left” and “right”. It also dominates the people, combining social-democratic reform policies with openly fascist repression policies. Social democracy in the USA and Britain and fascism in Germany and Italy before World War 2 are essentially the same, rooted in monopoly capitalism; the only difference is the outward form of political control. In developed capitalist countries, monopoly capital changes its ruling method sometimes to social democracy and sometimes to fascism in order to overcome its political crisis and carry its economic purpose. On the other hand, the fascism that has emerged

in the oppressed countries since the 1960s was exported and planted by imperialism. The mainstream of domestic capital in these countries is either foreign monopoly capital or comprador capital, and the military fascists are mostly puppets trained by imperialism.

We can see these pro-imperialist puppets today in Ukraine, Israel, the “ROK”, and Taiwan. Zelensky, Netanyahu and the “ROK”s Yoon Suk-yeol are all outright imperialist puppets and fascists. There is no doubt that Lai Ching-te in Taiwan is also an imperialist puppet. Imperialism manipulates them in various ways. One of its common tactics is to force them to resort to war as a nuclear option, since the more profound the political and economic crisis grows, the more dependent they become on imperialism. In East Asia alone, the Japanese and Taiwanese governments, on the so-called “first island chain” and the “ROK” government, which threatens the DPRK, are all in this situation. Taiwan’s Lai Ching-te is a fierce separatist, while the “ROK”s Yoon Suk-yeol has declared the DPRK to be the “primary enemy” and has been conducting nuclear war exercises to invade the North with the USA, claiming the right to make a “pre-emptive strike”.

In Japan, Fumio Kishida, who took office after the leading pro-Russian politician Shinzo Abe was mysteriously shot and killed in July 2022, is keen on forming the Asian version of NATO with the “ROK” as forced by the USA. Kishida of Japan and Yoon Suk-yeol of the “ROK” are actively working on completing the “Indo-Pacificization of NATO” having participated in successive NATO summits in Madrid, Spain (June 2022), Vilnius, Lithuania (July 2023) and Washington, USA (July 2024). The fact that

NATO, an imperialist warmongering alliance that has been initiating and perpetuating World War 3, is extending its war scheme beyond West Asia to East Asia is raising great concern not only among Asians but among all the peoples of the world who long for peace. Already, imperialism has been thoroughly implementing a strategy to expand NATO, the supposedly “North Atlantic” military alliance, into to the Indo-Pacific via the “Aukus” and “Quad” groupings.

Imperialism is worried about the possibility of a Trump victory in the upcoming US presidential election. This is because if elected, Trump will likely try to immediately withdraw from the war in Ukraine and eventually from NATO. Trump met with the DPRK Chairman Kim Jong Un in Singapore in 2018, in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2019, and in Panmunjom, Korea in 2020, and has remained in contact with him since leaving office. While Trump’s “decoupling” policy is limited to the economic sector, President Joe Biden’s “de-risking” policy, under the guise of the “New Washington Consensus”, while appearing to be milder than the “decoupling” policy is in fact merely a disguise for pushing for Taiwan’s separation and independence and driving cross-Strait relations toward war. Of course, we thoroughly oppose all imperialist policies that represent the interests of US monopoly capital, whether they come from Trump or Biden. However, we take note of political conflicts that have erupted because of the deepening inner contradiction in the USA owing to its political and economic crisis, and we do not overlook the importance of the antiwar peace movement, which is amplifying these conflicts. We naturally oppose racism and fascism, which execrate Jews in general, and agree that

the fundamental solution to the Palestinian issue lies in the eradication of zionism. We support a peaceful coexistence based on the eradication of zionism, not on the “two-state solution” of the Oslo accords, which is practically bankrupt—another “Minsk agreement”. We note that historically, it was Christian Western Europe that persecuted Jews, not Islamic West Asia.

Imperialist “New Cold War” schemes are a reflection of the system’s weakness, not its strength. World War 3 is an extreme option for attempting to escape the political, military and economic crises that arise from the realistic recognition that the unipolar world domination system cannot be maintained. Roger F Wicker, the Republican ranking member of the US Senate Committee on Armed Services, himself let slip in late May that it is an intentional provocation to define Russia, Iran, China and the DPRK as a “new axis of aggressors”. Grouping Russia and the “Axis of Resistance”, including Iran, which are presently at war, and China and the DPRK, which are not presently at war, into one “axis” or camp clearly confirms the fact that the war in East Asia is imminent and who is the driver and provocateur of World War 3. Imperialism is no longer hiding its strategy of demonizing Russia, China and the DPRK as “aggressors” through World War 3, exhausting them as much as possible through proxy wars, and creating a “New Cold War” system to eventually win the final victory as it did in the “Cold War”.

The “Cold War” and the “New Cold War” have big differences. Both have in common that they reflect the political and economic crisis and vulnerability of imperialism. But, unlike the “Cold War”, which emerged after World War 2, the “New Cold War” began with World War 3 and will enter full swing after

World War 3. Both the “Cold War” and the “New Cold War” are confrontations between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps. However, during the “Cold War”, the anti-imperialist camp was formed by socialist forces as the leading force with the forces of national liberation as the auxiliary force. On the other hand, in the “New Cold War”, the DPRK, China and Russia are the leading forces, and the other world anti-imperialist forces, including Iran and the “Axis of Resistance” are the auxiliary forces.

The DPRK, China and Russia are all nuclear and missile powers with all types of nuclear weapons and delivery systems, with the DPRK being the most steadfast socialist country, China being a socialist country with Chinese characteristics, and Russia being a country with a strong socialist heritage. The current socialist states of the DPRK and China, along with the former socialist state of Russia, have been more united than ever in the same anti-imperialist camp. It is no coincidence that after being re-elected recently, President Putin first visited China and then the DPRK in June to sign the “Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Treaty”, elevating the DPRK-Russia relations to the highest level, the alliance level.

Today, understanding how we define the character of Russian and Chinese societies has become a touchstone between revolutionaries and opportunists. Those who mistakenly describe Russia and China as imperialist are basing their analysis on a totally unscientific understanding of imperialism. It is just as problematic to fail to analyze imperialism in its economic aspects as it is to define imperialism only in economic terms. In this context, the Communist Party of Greece’s theory

of the “imperialist pyramid”, which views all capitalist countries as imperialist, has emerged. This most absurd revisionist and opportunist, reactionary theory is practically contributing to imperialism’s policy of dividing the communist movement. This is why it is unsurprising that the Communist Party of Greece has taken the lead in dividing the international communist movement.

The most significant feature of the “New Cold War”, in particular, the situation of World War 3, is that, first, the DPRK, the most thoroughly socialist country and the one most severely blockaded by imperialism, has become a nuclear and missile superpower, occupying a key position and playing an important role in the anti-imperialist camp. Second, the former Soviet Union and, currently, Russia, which had been at odds with China since the mid-1950s, are uniting firmly with China in the anti-imperialist camp. Third, the “Axis of Resistance”, including Iran, is waging a robust armed struggle on an anti-imperialist, anti-zionist front. In addition, the world anti-imperialist camp is increasingly raising the level of anti-imperialist armed struggle and popular struggle in Latin America and the Sahel region of Africa. The anti-imperialist camp is overwhelming the imperialist camp by its superiority in capabilities, combining strong leading forces with a wide range of auxiliary forces, and its wisdom in methods, combining anti-imperialist armed struggles with anti-imperialist popular struggles.

Moreover, by holding the banner of not only anti-imperialism but also undeniable justice in the present era—antifascism, liberation and national reunification, the anti-imperialist camp holds the moral high ground in every battlefield of the present

war. To make matters worse for imperialism, it has lost even a petty semblance of at least formal logic owing to the glaring logical contradiction between its anti-Russian and its pro-Israeli propaganda.

Imperialist weakness is equally evident in its military operations. In World War 3, the imperialists have used inducing warfare, where it has provoked war; expeditionary warfare, where it fights far away from its own territory and close to its enemies; proxy warfare, where it uses puppet armies; and hybrid warfare, so far excluding tactical nuclear weapons. In the anti-imperialist camp, Russia, China and the DPRK are all fighting or faced with fighting wars close to their present national boundaries, directly and vigorously, avoiding being entangled in war provocations, and none have ruled out the use of tactical nuclear weapons if that becomes necessary to end the war quickly. The imperialist powers are very afraid that if they directly attack the main territories of Russia, China and the DPRK with tactical nuclear weapons, their retaliatory nuclear strikes will eventually result in mutually assured destruction (MAD). It is unquestionable who will be the ultimate winner of the confrontation between the USA and European NATO, countries which are fighting a proxy war and a war of attrition for the superprofits of monopoly capital on the one side, and Russia, China and the DPRK, which are directly and fiercely engaged in wars for the great cause of antifascism, liberation and national reunification. Just as the just antifascist camp won World War 2, the just anti-imperialist camp will win World War 3. Unlike the “Cold War”, imperialism will suffer a disastrous defeat in its “New Cold War”.

Since its foundation in Paris, France, in October 2022, with the three major goals of expanding the world anti-imperialist struggle, waging anti-opportunist ideological warfare and strengthening the communist movement, the World Anti-imperialist Platform has held international conferences and organized mass rallies and demonstrations under the banner of anti-imperialism in Belgrade, Serbia (December 2022), Caracas, Venezuela (March 2023), Gwangju and Seoul, the “ROK” (May 2023), and Athens, Greece (November 2023), each time issuing joint declarations and trying to unite the anti-imperialist forces. In March-April 2024, the Platform arranged a European tour for revolutionary musical troupe from the “ROK”. In May 2024, a Platform delegation visited the Donbass region of Russia and stood in active solidarity with local communist and anti-imperialist forces. In June 2024, the Platform held an international conference in Madrid, Spain. All this has been aimed at strengthening the world anti-imperialist struggle.

The most important ideological and theoretical task in the world anti-imperialist struggle today is to wage an unwavering and sharp ideological war against pseudo-communist forces—whether revisionist, opportunist or sectarian—which oppose “Axis of Resistance” countries like Russia and Iran, which are at the forefront of the anti-imperialist struggle, and which are accusing Russia, China and even the DPRK of “imperialism”. And the most important practical task in the world anti-imperialist struggle is for the communist forces to strengthen the anti-imperialist movement’s capacity by wisely leading the pro-Russian and pro-Palestinian forces to join into a single anti-imperialist front with a scientific analysis and revolutionary line.

We will continue our indomitable struggle for the final victory of the world anti-imperialist camp, promoting our slogans “Workers of the world, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated!” Along the way, we will advance and realize a world without imperialism and fascism—a world where the people become the masters of politics and economy. The world anti-imperialist camp’s great cause of justice must win.

The Western Pacific War

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The storm of World War 3, unleashed by imperialism, is attacking the Western Pacific by way of Eastern Europe and West Asia (Middle East). In World War 3, one front, called the anti-imperialist front, has formed in three distinct theaters, the Eastern European theater, including Ukraine; West Asian theater, including Palestine; and the East Asian theater, including the "Republic of Korea (ROK)" and Taiwan. However, the East Asian theater is being expanded to the Western Pacific theater. Adding Australia and New Zealand to East Asia gives the Western Pacific.

Today, the Eastern theater of Asia is not confined to the "ROK" and Taiwan. The US has never concealed its plan that if war begins in the "ROK" or Taiwan, the US would escalate it into the East Asian War and, by extension, into a Western Pacific War. It would expand the theater to include the "first island chain," centered around Japan and connected to the Philippines via Taiwan, and to the "second island chain," extending from Japan to Papua New Guinea via Guam, and finally to Australia and

New Zealand beyond the “second island chain.”

At the US-Japan foreign and defense ministers’ talks on July 28, it was decided to create the Joint Operations Command of Japan’s Ground, Maritime, and Air Self-Defense Forces Joint Operations Command and a unified command within the US Forces Japan (USFJ) by the beginning of next year. This means that, in the near future, Japan’s Self-Defense Forces (JSDF), which are incapable of engaging in war, will become the Japanese military capable of engaging in war, and that the operational command authority of the USFJ will be transferred from the US Indo-Pacific Command to the USFJ. In other words, the possibility of war has increased in East Asia, including Northeast Asia and, by extension, the Western Pacific. With 55,000 personnel, the USFJ is the main force of the US forces in the Indo-Pacific.

“(Northeast) Asian NATO” including the US, Japan, and the “ROK,” led by the US, was manipulated by agreeing with the NATO way of “Principle of Collective Defense” at the Camp David summit in August 2023, exercised real-time missile warning data sharing system in December, and conducted war games named “Freedom Edge,” which is the NATO way of a multi-domain joint military exercise in this June. With the Philippines joining in place of India, which did not attend the NATO summit in Washington, the so-called “SQUAD” of the US, Japan, Australia, and the Philippines was formed, thus, war exercises against China have been fiercely waged in Philippine waters. Also, there is “AUKUS” comprised of the US, Britain (the UK), and Australia.

“Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) 2024”, more expanded

than during the “Cold War”, was conducted on the largest scale, with 40 ships, three submarines, 150 aircraft, and 25,000 troops from 29 participating countries. NATO member countries joined the “Pacific Skies” exercise in the Pacific region such as Australia from mid-June to mid-August. Germany also participated in the joint air exercises held in Japan, which was one of the “Pacific Skies.” That is under the NATO umbrella, Germany and Japan, which were all war criminal countries and fascist states during World War 2 are carrying out joint military exercises.

The US has adopted the “Nuclear Posture Review,” “Washington Declaration,” “Nuclear Consultative Group,” and “Guidelines on Nuclear Strategy Planning and Operation” and is putting a policy of nuclear confrontation with DPRK into action. Compared with 2022, the frequency of US nuclear submarine sightings increased seven times, and the frequency of fighter and bomber sightings increased four times on the Korean Peninsula and its surrounding waters in 2023. In addition, nuclear aircraft carriers have continued to be deployed, and advanced military equipment from the US, such as F-35 stealth fighters and SM-6 ship-to-air interceptor missiles, are being brought in on a large scale. Regarding the “Ulchi Freedom Shield (UFS),” which is held from August 19 to 29, the outside maneuver training will be conducted 48 times, which is ten more than last year, and the brigade-level exercises will be carried out 17 times, which is four times more than last year, and have evolved into provocative war drills such as “Occupation of Pyongyang” and “Decapitation Operation.”

On July 28, the US-Japan-“ROK” Defense Ministers’ Meeting signed the “Memorandum of Cooperation on the Trilateral

Security Cooperation Framework” and agreed to regularly and systematically conduct multi-domain trilateral exercises, including meetings among the three Defense Ministers and meetings among the three Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Yoon Suk-yeol administration of the “ROK” has condoned the historical distortion regarding the Japanese invasion, and the sophistry surrounding Dokdo’s sovereignty by the Japanese Fumio Kishida government. It also agreed for Japan to acquire the “enemy base strike capability” and to purchase of US Tomahawk missiles. From these facts, it revealed itself to be a pro-US and pro-Japanese traitor, as well as a fascist warmonger. US imperialism completed its job of organizing the “ROK” fascist regime under Japanese militarism, and the Japanese militarist gangs are frenzied with their ambition of reinvasion by conducting joint military exercises with the “ROK,” the Philippines, and other countries.

Various exercises to invade other countries operated and led by the US are being carried out hastily. First, let’s list the imperialist military exercises directly related to the “ROK” from June to August this summer: US Air Force reconnaissance aircraft RC-135W “Rivet Joint” flew a reconnaissance flight over the West Sea on June 4; US Strategic Bomber B1B were mobilized for joint air exercises with the “ROK” on June 5; US Air Force reconnaissance aircraft “Rivet Joints” flew a reconnaissance flight on June 6; loudspeaker broadcasts against North Korea resumed on June 9; US military heavily armed aircraft “Ghostrider” deployed to participate in special warfare exercises on June 12; US Air Force reconnaissance aircraft RC-135S “Cobra Ball” flew over the East Sea on June 14; Theodore Roosevelt

Nuclear Carrier Strike Group entered the operational base in Busan on June 22; “ROK” resumed the live-fire artillery drills near the northwestern maritime border in seven years on June 26; US-Japan-“ROK” Multi-Domain Joint Exercise “Freedom Edge” with Roosevelt nuclear carrier participation from June 27 to 29; “ROK” resumed frontline artillery firing drills for the first time in six years on July 2; during the “RIMPAC”, the “ROK” conducted SM2 anti-ship missile launching drills on July 9; US-“ROK” special operations air descent drills from July 15 to 31; US Air Force reconnaissance aircraft “Rivet Joint” flew over the Korean Peninsula from July 17 to 18; daily propaganda broadcasts against North Korea from July 19; US-“ROK” integrated firepower drills from July 22 to August 3; US-“ROK” held joint air exercises July 23 to August 8; US-“ROK” CNI (Conventional-Nuclear Integration)-TTX (Naval Integration Tabletop Exercise) “Iron Mace 2024” from July 30 to August 1; US and “ROK” Marines held joint maritime exercises in Pohang, the “ROK,” from August 12; US and “ROK” held crisis management exercises which are preliminary drills for the US-“ROK”’s UFS from August 13 to 16; US-“ROK” conducted UFS from August 19 to 29, etc.

Next, we can list noteworthy exercises in other countries: the annual joint US-Philippines exercise “Marine Aviation Support Activity 2024” from June 3 to 21; the first participation of the Japanese Self-Defense Forces in the US-France-Japan-Canada multinational field training exercise “Valiant Shield” from June 7 to 18; two US-Philippines live-fire exercises on June 15; the US-Canada-Japan-Philippines “Maritime Cooperative Activity” on June 17; the France-Germany-Spain-Japan joint air exercise

“Pacific Skies” from mid-June to mid-August; the “RIMPAC” exercise hosted by the US Third Fleet, in which 25,000 troops from 29 countries and nine NATO member states participated from June 27 to August 1; an entry of the US Navy Seventh Fleet’s USS Blue Ridge into Cam Rahn Port in central Vietnam on July 8; the multinational joint air exercise “Pitch Black,” hosted by Australia, involving 140 aircrafts and 4,000 troops from 20 countries from July 12 to August 2; the bilateral US-Philippine Coast Guards search and rescue exercise in the South China Sea on July 16; the US-UK-Australia-Philippines joint live-fire exercise “Predator’s Run” in northern Australia from July 17 to August 8; the US-Japan-France joint air exercise “Pegase 24,” hosted by France, on July 19; the France-Germany-Spain-Japan joint air exercise in Japan’s mainland from July 19 to 25; a deployment of US strategic bomber B1B to air space between Japan and the “ROK” as the US-Japan joint war exercise on August 2; the first bilateral maritime exercise between the Philippine Navy and the Japan Maritime “Self-Defense Force” in the Philippines’ exclusive economic zone on August 2; and the US-Canada-Australia-Philippines joint maritime exercise near sea of the Philippines from August 7 to 8.

The 2024 NATO Summit, held in Washington from July 9 to 11, elevated Japan, the “ROK,” Australia, and New Zealand to the status of important partners, calling them “IP4.” They are practically NATO members. In fact, they participated in the multinational joint maritime exercise “RIMPAC 2024,” held from June 26 to August 2 this year. It is no coincidence that Yoon Suk-yeol of the “ROK” visited the US Indo-Pacific Command in Honolulu on July 9, where the “RIMPAC” exercise was ongoing,

to deliver a puppet speech as the US wished, in the presence of US military generals and that he participated in the 2024 NATO Summit just before its start. It can be said that the “Pacification of NATO” was completed with the NATO Summit process in which Japan and the “ROK” participated steadily from the summits in Madrid, Spain, in 2022 through Vilnius, Lithuania, in 2023, and to Washington, the US, in 2024, and with the “RIMPAC 2024,” in which the largest ever number of NATO members participated this year and conducted multinational and multidomain joint military exercises.

In late August, the US-“ROK” joint war drill “UFS” reflected a “nuclear operation” scenario that included a preemptive nuclear strike on the DPRK. The Korean Peninsula is already in a state of “low-intensity war,” and US imperialism and its war puppet Yoon Suk-yeol are desperate to provoke a war in the “ROK.” The war in the “ROK” will be the war in East Asia and lead to a wider war in the Western Pacific.

People armed with the best weapon, unity, will win

Contribution to the International Forum organized by the Communist Party of Belgium at the Fête de l'Humanité in Paris, on September 14, 2024

The current world situation is, in short, a world war. There have been two world wars, the first and second, so this time is the third. To put it metaphorically, the storm of World War 3 is blowing from Eastern Europe through West Asia (Middle East) to the Western Pacific. This war is caused by imperialism, like all wars since the 20th century. Imperialism systematically promotes wars to deflect its own political and economic crises, for the high monopoly profits of monopoly capital, for the militarization of the economy, and for the interests of the military-industrial complex. Consequently, the people are uniting in solidarity on a global scale, not just on a national scale.

The current state of the war in Eastern Europe is not limited to Ukraine, as reported in the media, but is on the verge of expansion following the Ukrainian attack on Kursk in Russia. Russia cannot tolerate the attack on its country by NATO, including the US, which is behind Ukraine. The war in West Asia is not just moving from the fourth to the fifth round but is

moving toward ending the Zionist occupation of Palestine since 1948. This is a common goal of not only Hamas but also the “Axis of Resistance,” which includes Iran. It is because the war in West Asia is being fought in conjunction with World War 3.

Ukraine’s attack on Kursk is a major threat to Russia because Kursk has a gas valve from Russia to pro-Russian countries in Eastern Europe, Slovakia and Hungary, as well as to Germany, Austria, and Italy in Western Europe, and one of the four Russian nuclear power plants is located there. Ukraine carried out reckless and dangerous drone attacks against nuclear power plants in Zaporizhia and Kursk, which is extremely provocative to Russia. Furthermore, if the US and others allow Ukraine to attack Russia without restrictions with missiles provided by them, Russia has no choice but to make a serious decision. NATO, including the US, is constantly provoking Russia.

This is also true in West Asia. Israel’s attack on the Iranian consulate in Damascus, Syria, in April, and even its attacks on Beirut, Lebanon, and Tehran, Iran, in July, killing Hezbollah’s military commander and Hamas’ political leader, respectively, are provocations and aggressions that Hezbollah and Iran will never tolerate. Iran is playing a waiting game as strategic patience, but its decisive retaliatory strike is inevitable. The “Axis of Resistance” is united, and its counterattack continues unabated.

In East Asia, the “Republic of Korea (ROK)” and Taiwan are the most dangerous. If Japan and the Philippines are added, it will be the war in East Asia, and when Australia and New Zealand join, we will have the Western Pacific war. Japan has the strongest military alliance in Asia with the US and the “ROK”

and is the center of both the “first island chain” connecting Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines and the “second island chain” connecting Japan, Guam, and Papua New Guinea. In short, Japan is the starting point, common point, and center of the US plan for the Western Pacific War.

The US is trying to provoke the war in the “ROK” with Japan as its stronghold and immediately escalate it to the war in East Asia, which Taiwan and the Philippines would join, and then to the Western Pacific War with Australia and New Zealand included. This is exactly the “Second Pacific War,” a replay of the Pacific War during World War 2. At that time, Japan, which was in the fascist camp, waged war against the US, which was in the antifascist camp, while now the US, which belongs to the imperialist camp, is trying to wage war against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), China, and Russia, which are in the anti-imperialist camp.

The Washington NATO Summit in July 2024 declared the de facto “Pacification of NATO” with having IP4 countries (Japan, the “ROK,” Australia, and New Zealand) as its partners, and from June to August this summer, with the RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific Exercise) as its peak, NATO held its largest and most provocative military exercises and war games in history, including “Freedom Edge,” “Pitch Black,” “Pacific Skies,” “Pacific Dragons,” and “Ulchi Freedom Shield” exercises aimed at the DPRK, China, and Russia. In other words, the “Pacification of NATO” is not just organized but is in the stage of full-scale realization through practical exercises. Imperialism had “Atlanticized” NATO, expanding it from the North Atlantic to the South Atlantic, and now completed its “Pacification”. Ten

percent of NATO's approximate 750 bases are in Latin America, mostly on the Pacific side, from Mexico to Chile.

At the end of July, the defense and foreign ministers of the US and Japan gathered in Japan to make the Japan "Self-Defense Forces (SDF)" a war-capable Japanese army and to transfer the operational command authority from the Indo-Pacific Command to the US Forces Japan (USFJ). In other words, the USFJ and the Japan "SDF" completed a command system that allows them to wage war on their own at any time. This means that the subordinate military alliance system has already been established to complete the "Pacification of NATO" with the already formed "AUKUS" of the US, UK, and Australia, while the US, Japan, and the "ROK" virtually formed the "East Asian NATO" at Camp David in August last year, and the US, Japan, Australia, and the Philippines formed the "SQUAD" this year. In other words, the imperialist forces, including the US, have already systematically and strategically prepared to expand the war not only to Northeast Asia, but also to East Asia and the Western Pacific.

For the US, Japan is the "invincible aircraft carrier" and the central base in the Western Pacific, while the "ROK" provides the "storm troops" and the base for advance. Unlike the wars in Ukraine and West Asia, in the East Asia and Western Pacific, the moment the war in the "ROK" erupts, the wars in Northeast Asia, East Asia and the Western Pacific will be triggered almost simultaneously. This fearful battlefield, where even tactical nuclear weapons may be mobilized, will be the arena for largest battle between anti-imperialist military and imperialist military forces and will decide the fate of World War 3.

That is why Yoon Suk-yeol of the “ROK” shows violence and belligerence as a fascist and a pro-US puppet, surpassing Zelensky of Ukraine and Netanyahu of Israel. Yoon fascist power has gone berserk in its fascist witch hunt so-called “anti-state forces” by simultaneously raiding and searching the People’s Democracy Party and the Democratic Party, which are respectively the leftmost and the rightmost except for the right-wing fascist party in the political spectrum of the “ROK,” on the same day in last August. The scheme to provoke a local war and then use it as an excuse to impose “martial law” has already been exposed by the public remark of the leader of the main opposition party, which has a majority in the National Assembly. In the “ROK,” all political forces, except for the far-right fascist forces, are engaged in a common struggle to end the Yoon Suk-yeol fascist government.

With Yoon’s government having formed the “Northeast Asian NATO” with the US Biden and Japanese Kishida governments last year and practiced it this year, the recent fascist crackdown in the “ROK” is the signal for the “martial law on the pretext of war” and the most obvious sign that war in the “ROK” is on the horizon. Again, the “ROK” is in a situation where it would be little wonder if the war exploded tomorrow. The communist and anti-imperialist forces worldwide should be alert and not overlook the political and military significance of the war in the “ROK” as a trigger and a detonator in the war in East Asia and the Western Pacific.

The reason why the imperialist powers are launching a world war is because their economic and political crises are unprecedentedly serious and there is no way to overcome

them except war. The downward spiral manifested by repeated economic depressions is reaching an extreme after the 2008 global financial crisis in the US and the pandemic, and the deceptive left and right two-party system designed to hide the polarization of the rich and poor is no longer working. The awakening of the world's people is accelerating under the situation of world war. The imperialist powers are deluded thinking that they can win as they did in the Cold War system by denouncing the anti-imperialist camp as a "new axis of aggressors" and creating the "New Cold War" system as a last resort to extend their lives and buy time.

However, the anti-imperialist camp is taking the initiative in the confrontation with the imperialist camp because it has a just pretext, overwhelming forces, and superior operations. The imperialist camp is being pushed into a corner in every aspect of its pretext, forces, and operations in this world war, which stems from its fundamental vulnerability and inability to escape its own general and acute crises. It is no coincidence that the imperialist powers are losing against Russia and the "Axis of Resistance" in Eastern Europe and West Asia, respectively, which are the battlefields of ongoing wars among the three major battlefields of World War 3. The imperialist forces are trying to reverse the situation by making the Western Pacific War the main battlefield of World War 3, but their humiliating defeat is inevitable.

Just as the antifascist camp won the antifascist war, World War 2, the anti-imperialist camp will be the final winner in the anti-imperialist war, World War 3. The banner of justice of antifascism, liberation, and reunification is on the side of

the anti-imperialist camp. Russia, China, and the DPRK, the leading countries in the anti-imperialist camp, are all armed with nuclear missiles. The DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, China, a socialist country with Chinese characteristics, and Russia, a country that has a socialist heritage, have not only an anti-imperialist line but also socialism in common.

The 2 billion Muslims, including the “Axis of Resistance,” such as Iran, colonized and semi-colonized countries, and developing countries, are joining the anti-imperialist camp, as evidenced by the increasing number of countries joining BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). The conflict between the imperialist tools—G7 and NATO—and the collectives of the anti-imperialist camp—BRICS and SCO—is deepening the political and economic crisis of imperialism.

Specifically, if Saudi Arabia, an Arab leading power, decisively turns its back on the US and turns to BRICS, the US petrodollar system will collapse, and the US economy, which has been printing almost unlimited amounts of dollars and suffering from astronomical national debt, will be plunged into hyperinflation on par with Germany. The US is trying to change its “Asia-Pacific Strategy” to the “Indo-Pacific Strategy” to isolate China and attract India, but the deceptive nature of its “de-risking” has already been exposed, and India, a founding member of the BRICS and a member of the SCO, chose a summit with Russia instead of participating in the Washington NATO Summit. The “Quad” is ineffective and the “Indian Oceanization of NATO” has failed.

The imperialist camp has made proxy, expeditionary, localized and hybrid warfare the doctrine of its military operations, which

is a proof that it recognizes the limit of its forces' ability to overwhelm the anti-imperialist camp, and that the monopoly capitalists who enjoy the greatest wealth and benefits are afraid of suicidal mutually assured destruction (MAD). There is no doubt that the anti-imperialist camp which is firmly committed to the cause of justice recognized by humanity and the times, and which will desperately fight near its mainland by all means necessary, will be victorious. The anti-imperialist forces, including the communist forces, do not want war and are doing their best to prevent it, exerting their strategic patience to the limit. However, if the fatal imperialist provocation makes war unavoidable, we will crush the imperialist war of aggression with an all-people's resistance in which the entire army and people fight as one, just as the antifascist camp did during World War 2, and make it a decisive opportunity for the great change and great upheaval in the revolutionary direction of permanent peace, global independence, and a society where the people become its masters.

Launched in Paris in October, 2022, the World Anti-imperialist Platform (the Platform) announced the Paris Declaration based on the scientific analysis of the current international situation and the revolutionary strategies of the communist forces and has been striving with communist political forces worldwide to realize the three major goals; the world anti-imperialist struggles, the ideological battle against opportunist, and the strengthening of the communist movement.

The Platform held various international events, including the international anti-imperialist conference, and mass struggles in Paris, France, in October; in Belgrade, Serbia, in December,

2022; in Caracas, Venezuela, in March; in Gwangju and Seoul, the “ROK,” in May; in Athens, Greece, in November, 2023; and in Washington, US, in July, 2024. Currently, it is preparing for events and struggles in Dakar, Senegal, in October.

The logical contradiction between the imperialist camp’s anti-Russian and pro-Israeli propaganda is pushing itself to the brink in a fight that already had no convincing pretext. The Platform is now actively working to enhance the leadership role of the communist forces in solidarity with the pro-Russian and pro-Palestinian peoples.

The Platform, holding high its two main banners “Workers of the World, Unite!” and “The People, United, Will Never Be Defeated!”, is moving forward unwaveringly on the path of peace, independence, liberation and revolution together with communist and anti-imperialist forces around the world. The people are the masters of their own destiny and history only moves in this direction. As history has proven, science and truth must triumph. Unity is the people’s best weapon. The united people and united anti-imperialist camp will certainly win.

Stalin's antifascist line to victory in World War 2

Contribution to the International Conference on Stalin, organized by the CARC Party, in Milan, on September 29, 2024

Practice is the criterion for truth and the driving force of theory development. The truth of revolution cannot be discussed without practice. Ideological and theoretical achievements are, in other words, revolutionary practical achievements.

The situation of World War 3 has shed new light on the historical experience of World War 2. Unlike World War 1, which was an inter-imperialist war, World War 2 was an antifascist war. It began as an inter-imperialist war but was transformed into an antifascist war when fascist Germany invaded the socialist Soviet Union. One of Stalin's great achievements was to bring the imperialist US and UK into the antifascist camp, which gave him superiority in forces and isolated the fascist camp, eventually resulting in its defeat. This is why Stalin's achievement cannot be left out when discussing the victory of the antifascist forces in World War 2.

The theory of the united front originated from Marx's theory of the worker-peasant alliance, which resulted from reviewing the historical lessons of the Paris Commune. It developed

into Lenin's theory of the Soviet of workers, poor peasants, and soldiers through the historical experience of the Russian Revolution, and was developed into the theory of the antifascist front through the experience of the Popular Front in France just before World War 2 and the historical speech at the 7th World Congress of the Comintern. It was later newly deepened into the theory of the national united front and the theory of the national democratic front, reflecting the experience of national liberation revolutions and national democratic revolutions in colonies and semi-colonies, including Korea and China. Although these united fronts have different forms, they all have the same principle: to promote the victory of the revolution by strengthening the independent identity of the revolutionary forces of the working class, bringing the intermediate forces into line, and isolating the counter-revolutionary forces.

One of the decisive differences between the revolutionary ideology of the working class and opportunist ideologies such as Trotskyism lies in the united front theory. Trotsky's dogmatic theory of the workers' united front was the most dangerous opportunist theory that committed the typical errors of "Leftist" closed-door policy, denied the revolutionary principles of the theory of united front, and caused the division of the revolutionary forces.

The most important organizational line for the revolutionary forces of the working class during World War 3 is the line of anti-imperialist united front. Inheriting the revolutionary essence of the antifascist united front during World War 2 and innovating on it to meet today's conditions, the anti-imperialist united front is a revolutionary and scientific line that can strengthen the

capacities of the revolutionary forces of the working class, boost the intermediate forces, and isolate and divide the counter-revolutionary forces.

Imperialism and fascism are closely related but distinct. Historically, monopoly capital has used two ways of domination over the people: social democracy and fascism. It is no coincidence that both coexisted in Europe on the eve of World War 2. The UK chose social democracy because it was able to placate the middle class with superprofits exploited from colonies, and Germany just chose fascism because it was suffering from extreme inflation after losing World War 1. It is in the same vein that Hitler's Nazi party switched from social-democracy to fascism. Imperialism, as an external expression, concerns a system in which a monopoly capitalist country colonizes other countries to extract superprofits. In other words, imperialism is the external system of monopoly capitalism, and fascism is one of the basic political methods of monopoly capital. Therefore, the war between Britain, a social-democracy country, and Germany, a fascist country, at the beginning of World War 2 was an imperialist war like World War 1. However, the nature of the war changed when Germany attacked the socialist Soviet Union.

This historical truth does not change, even though extreme Trotskyists maliciously distort and define the Soviet Union as "state capitalism" in an attempt to deny the nature of the antifascist war. We must heighten our vigilance against opportunistic theories that dilute the essence of the situation and cause division among revolutionary forces under the pretext of opposing capitalism. In the past, Kautsky's theory of "ultra-

imperialism” during World War 1 has re-emerged in today’s World War 3 in the form of the “imperialist pyramid theory” by the Communist Party of Greece. The same opportunistic organizational line of the “Leftist” closed-door policy, committed by Trotsky during World War 2, is now being inherited by the Communist Party of Greece, repeating the same mistakes in today’s World War 3. According to the “imperialist pyramid theory” that the Communist Party of Greece is spreading within the international communist movement, the war in Ukraine is a war between imperialist powers, and all theories of united fronts, such as the anti-imperialist front theory, national liberation revolution theory, and national democratic revolution theory, are denied. The fact that the absurd opportunist theory that defines socialist countries like DPRK and Cuba as “state capitalist” is still prevalent within the international communist movement reaffirms the importance of the ideological struggle against opportunism.

Today, in World War 3, the country that has the most thorough socialist principles, the DPRK, the country of socialism with Chinese characteristics, China, and the country with socialist heritage, Russia, form a leading force of the anti-imperialist camp. Compared to the differences between the countries in the antifascist camp—the socialist state, the Soviet Union, and the imperialist states, the US and UK—during World War 2, the differences between the countries in anti-imperialist camp—today’s socialist states, DPRK and China, and capitalist Russia with socialist heritage—in the anti-imperialist camp during World War 3 are far smaller. In fact, for political reasons, Russia’s ruling party and government still highly revere Stalin,

who led the victory in World War 2, as a great generalissimo. Although the ruling party and oligarchy in Russia cannot be divided, when Russia fights a vital struggle against imperialist forces in the ongoing anti-imperialist war, allying with the socialist countries, including the most thorough socialist country, DPRK, there is no doubt that favorable objective conditions will be created to strengthen the revolutionary forces of the working class and deepen the consciousness of the middle class for independence. However, these changes in the situation are only an objective condition, and whether they actually strengthen the revolutionary forces and weaken the counter-revolutionary forces depends entirely on what role the revolutionary forces of the working class play. This is essentially the same as Lenin's experience of using the war waged by the Russian empire during World War 1 as a decisive moment for revolution.

In today's anti-imperialist camp, in addition to the leading forces of military powers in all aspects, both advanced and conventional, such as the DPRK, China, and Russia, the world's anti-imperialist forces, including the "Axis of Resistance" such as Iran, form the auxiliary forces. It would be a clear error of the "Leftist" closed-door policy not to include armed anti-imperialist forces in the anti-imperialist camp just because they believe in Islam rather than socialist ideology. In fact, Russia, China, and the DPRK have long maintained and developed strategic relations with the "Axis of Resistance," including Iran, which are now deepening.

The storm of World War 3, instigated by imperialists, is now blowing from East Europe through West Asia (Middle East) to

the Western Pacific. The imperialist camp is expanding the war from East Europe to West Asia, and is not hiding a ploy, when the wars in the “Republic of Korea (ROK)” and Taiwan break out, to expand these wars into the war in East Asia involving Japan and the Philippines and the war in the Western Pacific involving Australia and New Zealand. The Washington NATO Summit Declaration in July 2024 and this summer’s intensive war exercises in the Pacific, such as “RIMPAC,” confirm that the “Pacificization of NATO” is nearing completion. The prospect that East Asia and the Western Pacific will be the main battlefields of World War 3 is unfortunate but true.

Imperialism has always been the cause of wars over the past 100 years and its aggressive nature will never disappear until it is destroyed. The war in Ukraine began with the Maidan coup in 2014, not the Russian Special Military Operation in 2022, and the war in West Asia including Palestine, began with the Israeli Zionist occupation of Palestine, from 1948 not the operation of Hamas “Al Aqsa Flood” in 2023. The imperialist powers are insidiously carrying out a widespread Goebbelsian-style propaganda campaign to blame the anti-imperialist camp for the wars that they themselves started by creating the conflicts underpinning the wars followed by constant provocation. But as we see, the logical contradiction between the anti-Russian propaganda and the pro-Israeli propaganda, the limitation is obvious. Rather, favorable conditions are being created for the international communist movement to lead the pro-Russian and anti-Israel public to unite in a single anti-imperialist camp.

Just like the fight against fascism in World War 2, the fight against imperialism in World War 3 is today’s greatest

cause. Under this greatest cause, all anti-imperialist forces, including socialist and national liberation forces, are united in a single camp, which is the path to victory. As the war against imperialism intensifies, the ideological battle will intensify against the opportunist forces that serve imperialism, and in this process, the international communist movement will be strengthened and will develop to a new stage.

One of the most important tasks for us will always be to inherit the revolutionary essence of the historical experience of the revolution and to apply it creatively to our time. The dialectic of practice and theory is an eternal issue for revolutionary forces. As the history of the victory in World War 2 shows, the final victory of the communist movement, the anti-imperialist camp, which advances with scientific conviction, is certain.

The anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples of the world must be victorious

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There is no end to imperialism's war provocations. Just as they have been occupying Palestinian territory and massacring Palestinian people, the imperialist and Zionist forces are endlessly trying to provoke a "regional war" in West Asia (Middle East). While there is no end to provocation, there is an end to patience. Zionist Israel's infinite provocations have finally resulted in a strong retaliation from Iran. Israel's barbaric terror has killed the leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah, burned Lebanon's capital Beirut, and massacred countless civilians, including children and women. The devastation suffered by Palestinians in Gaza is indescribable. Eight percent of the population have been killed or injured, and 90 percent of the buildings were destroyed. There is no future for Zionism, which denies the truth that human beings are equal. Since the essence of the Palestinian problem and the West Asian problem is the Zionist occupation of Palestinian land, there can be no solution until the Zionist occupation is ended. Since the Zionist's fascist atrocities are impossible without imperialism, which is the

mastermind and manipulator, the anti-Zionist struggle in West Asia is inherently an anti-imperialist struggle.

The imperialist forces are using Israel in West Asia, like Ukraine in Eastern Europe, as storm troops for a world war and as a puppet to wage proxy wars. At their very front are the neo-Nazis in Ukraine and the Zionists in Israel. Neo-Nazis and Zionists are the representative fascists of our time. It is clear why the imperialist forces try to turn the world into a sea of fire—World War 3, using the fascists. It is because of the boundless greed of monopoly capital, the domestic expression of imperialism, just like the background of World Wars 1 and 2. The greed of capital creates its own crises and then creates bigger crises to escape them. The crisis of the corporation becomes the crisis of the country and then expands into the crisis of the world. The only option for imperialism to escape the unprecedented political and economic crisis it has created and is experiencing today is a war on a global scale. The economic rise of China and the improvement of Russia, which belong to the anti-imperialist camp, have forced the imperialist camp to establish the “Grand Chessboard” strategy. NATO’s eastward policy and the imperialist-controlled “color revolutions” have emerged and are being pursued relentlessly in the direction of dismantling Russia and China like Yugoslavia was. After the collapse of the unipolar system, the imperialist forces delude themselves that they would be the final winner, as they were in the “Cold War,” by establishing the “New Cold War” system, provoking World War 3 to slander the main countries of the anti-imperialist camp—Russia, Iran, China, and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)—as the “new axis of

aggressors.”

Russian President Putin’s visit to the DPRK and signing of the June 19 Treaty with Chairman Kim Jong Un, which established a powerful military alliance surpassing the DPRK-Soviet Union Treaty in 1961 and the current NATO rules, was a major blow to imperialism. It is of particular significance that the DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, has become a nuclear missile power armed with hydrogen bombs and hypersonic missiles like Russia and China. The DPRK, which was not defeated in a three-year war against US imperialism in the 1950s with only machine guns and artillery, is now armed with a variety of nuclear weapons and missiles. The US, which has been dealing with the DPRK for a long time, is well aware that the DPRK has the will and ability to retaliate with intercontinental ballistic missiles against the US mainland in the event of an emergency. The ongoing war in West Asia and the impending war in East Asia have more in common than just the fact that Iran and the DPRK are dealing with the same imperialist power. Just as Iran, the most thorough Islamic country in West Asia, has formed an “Axis of Resistance” against Israeli Zionism and US-European imperialism and waged an anti-Zionist anti-imperialist struggle, abandoning its strategic patience and launching Operation “True Promise 1 and 2,” the DPRK, the most thorough socialist country in East Asia, has formed an “anti-imperialist front” against fascism in the “Republic of Korea (ROK)” and US-Japanese imperialism and is waging an antifascist anti-imperialist struggle, through which it is expected that the DPRK will likely be forced to abandon its strategic patience and carry out the “subjugation of the ROK.”

Yoon Suk-yeol of the “ROK” is a fascist and imperialist puppet, like Zelensky of Ukraine and Netanyahu of Israel. While Zelensky and Netanyahu are currently attracting the world’s attention by pushing for war and revealing the true colors of their fascist regimes, Yoon will soon be recognized by the world as a fascist and warmonger who surpasses them. As Yoon’s approval ratings plummeted due to corruption, irregularities, incompetence, economic crisis, and devastation of public livelihoods and he was pushed to the brink of impeachment, he is keen to impose anachronistic military fascist rule, going beyond the “prosecutor dictatorship,” with the pro-presidential coup through which he tries to declare “wartime martial law” by inducing a local war. This plot, which was exposed by the National Assembly in August, is still being secretly promoted. Like the Pinochet coup in Chile, Park Chung-hee’s coup in 1961, and Chun Doo-hwan’s coup in 1980 in the “ROK,” it is being manipulated by the CIA and the US military in the “ROK.” In late August, the Yoon government began the fascist repression. It carried out a search and seize raid on the People’s Democracy Party (PDP) and the former ruling party, the Democratic Party, at the same time. The PDP is the leftmost party of the political spectrum in the “ROK,” while the Democratic Party is the rightmost party of the political spectrum if we exclude Yoon’s far-right fascist party. In summary, Yoon is repressing all opposition parties, whether they are left or right. It is a clear sign that “wartime martial law” is on the horizon.

The war planned by the pro-US fascist government of Yoon Suk-yeol is a preemptive strike against the DPRK, as it has declared since the last presidential election, and a preemptive

nuclear attack in which US nuclear strategic assets are mobilized under the control and operation of the US. To this end, the Yoon government has completed the US-Japan-“ROK” triangular military alliance by acting as a fascist stormtrooper for the US and overreaching to attract Japanese militarism. This alliance is essentially the “Northeast Asian NATO,” a dangerous invasion alliance that threatens not only the DPRK but also China and Russia. As everyone knows, imperialism has been promoting NATO’s eastward policy from the European viewpoint and westward policy from the US viewpoint and finally completed the “Pacification of NATO” organizationally and practically through the Washington NATO Summit in July 2024 and various war exercises such as the “RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific Exercise)” exercise. To this end, the imperialist forces formed subordinate military blocs such as the US-Japan-“ROK” “Northeast Asian NATO,” the US-Japan-Australia-Philippines’ “Squad,” and the US-UK-Australia’s “AUKUS,” and from June to August of this year alone, they frantically carried out invasive joint military exercises such as “Freedom Edge,” “Pitch Black,” “Pacific Skies,” “Pacific Dragon,” and “Ulchi Freedom Shield” in the Western Pacific, in addition to the “RIMPAC.” These invasive exercises mobilize various US strategic assets and include drills to launch tactical nuclear weapons from the air, sea, and ground, with the main targets being the DPRK, China, and Russia. It is significant that Yoon visited the US Indo-Pacific Command in Honolulu, Hawaii, in mid-July to deliver a speech just before participating in the NATO Summit in Washington, and that the US-Japan defense and foreign ministers held the “2+2” talks in Japan at the end of July, announcing an agreement to create

the Japan Self-Defense Forces Joint Operations Command and a Joint Forces Headquarters of the US Forces Japan by March next year. In other words, the imperialist forces are fully prepared to expand the wars in the “ROK” and Taiwan, when they break out, immediately into a war in East Asia involving Japan and the Philippines and a Western Pacific war involving Australia and New Zealand.

The storm of World War 3, caused by imperialism, is blowing from Eastern Europe through West Asia to the Western Pacific. All wars since the last century have been planned, manipulated, sustained, and expanded by imperialism. Imperialism, with its nature of aggression and plunder, is the root of all wars. As long as imperialism exists, war will never be eradicated from the face of the earth. This is why the anti-war and peace movement must be united with and must orient the anti-imperialist struggle. Today, the world is divided into two camps: the imperialist camp and the anti-imperialist camp resisting it. The imperialist camp is endlessly trying to start and escalate wars, while the anti-imperialist camp is strategically patient to prevent war and its escalation. Just as Iran could tolerate Zionist provocations no longer and finally retaliated, Russia’s patience with the Kiev fascists’ provocations would have its end. If NATO lifts restrictions on missiles provided to Ukraine, Russia could be forced to lift restrictions on its tactical nuclear weapons. As history has shown, it is doubtful that Russia’s firm stance will stop NATO’s provocations. Imperialism will not stop provocations for anti-Russian war, such as fascist Kiev’s invasion of Kursk, like the Israeli Zionists already bombed Beirut and Tehran in order to push the tide of World War 3 to the point

of no return. The expansion of war in West Asia is fueling the escalation in Eastern Europe, and the escalation in these two battlefields is fueling the outbreak in the other battlefields, East Asia and the Western Pacific. Just as the war in Ukraine in Eastern Europe spilled over into the West Asian battlefield, it is only a matter of time before the Eastern European and West Asian battlefields spill over into the East Asian and Western Pacific battlefield imperialism has expanded the war in Palestine into a “regional war” to make World War 3 irreversible, and is using the war in West Asia as a breakthrough to decisively provoke other “regional wars”: expansion in Eastern Europe and outbreak of war in East Asia and the Western Pacific.

In World War 3, the anti-imperialist camp has an overwhelming advantage over the imperialist camp in all aspects—justification, force, and operation. Anti-imperialism itself is the greatest justice of our time, but also, antifascism, liberation, and reunification are objective causes that even the imperialist camp cannot overtly deny since some imperialist countries used to fight for them in history. Under the unfortunate condition of increasing the possibility of tactical nuclear use in World War 3, it is noteworthy in terms of nuclear war deterrence that Russia, China, and the DPRK, the leading countries in the anti-imperialist camp, are nuclear missile superpowers. The DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, is breaking through the imperialist blockade of isolation, as evidenced by recent decisions of the UN Security Council and developments in the diplomatic relations between the DPRK and Russia and the DPRK and China. The substantial unity of China and Russia in the anti-imperialist camp is also a prominent point in world

anti-imperialist history. It is a strategic mistake of the imperialist camp to put the most steadfast socialist country and other anti-imperialist countries in the same camp and promote the unprecedented unity of China and Russia in one anti-imperialist camp. Add to this the strategic mistake of bringing 2 billion Muslims, including the “Axis of Resistance,” such as Iran, into the anti-imperialist camp, and the anti-imperialist camp is now building the strongest force in history. The rise of anti-imperialist movements in Africa, the Pan-African movement, and the Latin American independence movement against imperialism, such as the Bolivarian Revolution are also important in confirming the superiority of anti-imperialist forces over imperialist force. The imperialist camp’s foolish operations of proxy, expeditionary, and hybrid warfare pale in comparison to the anti-imperialist camp’s wise operations. Raising the banner of all-people’s resistance, which combines armed struggle and mass struggle into one, the anti-imperialist camp is trying to wage an all-out war in which the leading countries of the anti-imperialist camp are directly engaged in war, taking full advantage of their proximity to the mainland, and wage a desperate total war mobilizing all their forces, including tactical nuclear weapons, to win. This is evidenced by the fact that Russia is consolidating victories in the war in Ukraine, where NATO is fighting with all its might. In West Asia, Israeli Zionism is also increasingly isolated and pushed to the brink. The imperialist camp, which is already on the defensive in the first two battlefields, will face a decisive crisis if the war in the third battlefield, East Asia and the Western Pacific, also breaks out. While aware that both Zelensky and Netanyahu are being shunned by the public and fear that

they could be ousted from power at any moment, we note that if Russia, China, and the DPRK inevitably abandon their strategic patience and enter the anti-imperialist war in earnest, as Iran has done in response to the endless provocations of imperialism and Zionism, the imperialist camp will be shocked and horrified by a series of devastating blows and will be forced to follow in the footsteps of the defeated fascist forces in World War 2. The anti-imperialist camp never wants war, but it is not afraid of a just war if it is unavoidable to achieve permanent peace and to end imperialism, the root of war on earth. Suppose the imperialist camp misidentifies the anti-imperialist camp's consistent will for peace and strategic patience and ends up fully turning a world war into an irreversible stage. In that case, it will be a fatal error that will drive itself toward destruction, just as the fascist camp did in the past.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform (the Platform) was launched in Paris, France, in October 2022, with three major goals: strengthening the world anti-imperialist struggle, the ideological battle against pro-imperialist opportunism, and the international communist movement. Since then, it has been working and struggling to achieve the three goals through international conferences, colloquia, and meetings with anti-imperialist communist forces in Belgrade, Serbia in December 2022; Caracas, Venezuela in March 2023; Gwangju, the "ROK" in May 2023; Athens, Greece in November 2023; and Washington, the US, in July 2024. Platform delegations recently visited Guinea-Bissau to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Amilcar Cabral's birth and Venezuela to participate in the International Congress on Antifascism. The Platform actively

promotes meetings and joint actions with anti-imperialist forces in Europe, Africa, Latin America, and Asia, including the three main battlefields in Ukraine, West Asia, and East Asia-Western Pacific. The reactionary theory “Imperialist Pyramid” of the revisionist leadership of the Communist Party of Greece has been completely interred within the international communist movement as its pro-imperialist nature has been exposed by the principled ideological battle of the Platform and the fierce practice of the anti-imperialist struggle in World War 3. Exposing the logical contradictions between the imperialist camp’s anti-Russian and its pro-Israeli propaganda, we will continue to organize and call on the pro-Russian and pro-Palestinian masses to stand in solidarity and struggle together under the banner of anti-imperialist independence.

With the 2024 Dakar International Conference, held on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Cabral’s birth, we have learned deeply about the revolutionary significance of his ideas and line, which contributed to the Pan-African Movement and the anti-imperialist movement, and we realize the need to fight together shoulder to shoulder through joint anti-imperialist events and actions in Africa. We also call for the release of Lebanese communist anti-imperialist fighter Georges Abdallah, who will mark 40 years of imprisonment in France in October 2024 for his struggle for the Palestinian liberation, and we will not stop our solidarity struggle as the Platform until his will is realized. We will continue to strengthen the international anti-imperialist and antifascist solidarity struggle, raising awareness of the rapid fascistization around the world in line with the imperialist camp’s war provocations. Unity is our best weapon.

The slogans “The working class of the world, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated” are our two main slogans. The African people are already united under the banner of anti-imperialism and Pan-Africanism and under the ideology of independence and liberation. The anti-imperialist and independent feat of the people of Africa and the whole world, as well as the revolutionary feat of the working people being the true masters of society, will surely be victorious. The people of Africa and the world, our people, will make it so.

The anti-imperialist front, superior in every aspect, will inevitably win

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Can we win? Will our people triumph in this war, in the Third World War, and experience a new high tide of progress like in Second World War?

The Third World War is already underway. Compared to the beginnings of the First and Second World Wars, the Third World War is much broader and fiercer. War is ongoing in Ukraine, and the Kyiv authorities, under NATO's manipulation and support, have invaded Russian territory, Kursk. In West Asia (the Middle East), it has already turned into a "regional war." No one doubts the Fifth West Asia War. Even conservative media have started reporting that the war in Ukraine will expand into a war in Eastern Europe. In fact, the former Secretary General of NATO stated in the media that he supports lifting restrictions on the missiles NATO has provided to Ukraine, saying that it is up to the providing countries to decide. Shortly after, the European Parliament passed a resolution to lift the missile restrictions.

In this Third World War, these two theaters are already engaged in war, and military tensions are rising in the East Asia, Western

Pacific theater. Judging by the overall trend, the war in East Asia, the Western Pacific are only a matter of time. The cause of all wars lies in imperialism.

The ones who plan, provoke, and drive wars are imperialism, and its agents and proxies, the fascists. In order to create a “new Cold War” framework, imperialism has labeled not only Russia and Iran, who are already at war, but also China and DPRK, who are not, as the “New Axis of Aggressors” and is attempting to use the Third World War to fuel its agenda. While fierce struggles against the imperialist camp are taking place in Africa and Latin America, the current theaters of this world war, including all-out wars, are in Eastern Europe and West Asia, with East Asia or the expanded Western Pacific expected to follow. In essence, the Third World War is a great anti-imperialist war, and its main theaters are three: Eastern Europe, West Asia, and East Asia or the Western Pacific.

To win a war, one must be superior in justification, capacity, and strategy. Justification, capacity and strategy are relatively the goals, means, and methods of strategy and tactics. The two factors for winning a war are subjective factor—the men, namely soldiers and the people—and objective factor—the material, namely weapon and wealth. The decisive factor here is the subjective factor. The truth is clear when considering at the factors behind the Soviet victory in the Second World War, DPRK’s in the Korean War, and Vietnam’s in the Vietnam War. These subjective and objective aspects are analyzed on another level as justification, capacity, and strategy.

In the Third World War, the justification lies with the anti-imperialist camp. The war of the anti-imperialist camp is just

war, while that of the imperialist camp is war of injustice. The anti-imperialist camp has the great causes of antifascism, liberation, and reunification. The anti-imperialist camp fights with these goals in mind. The source of the unmatched bravery and ingenuity of the armies and people in the anti-imperialist camp is their political and ideological superiority. When we see the character of war in this context, the war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist, antifascist war, a war of liberation, and a preventive war; the war in West Asia is an anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist war and a war of liberation; the war in Taiwan is an anti-imperialist war, a national liberation war, and a war for national reunification; and the war in the “ROK” is an antifascist, anti-imperialist war, a war of subjugation, and a civil war. The common character among these individual wars in the three main theaters is that they are all anti-imperialist wars of liberation. The fact that antifascism, liberation, and reunification are just causes is so evident that even conscientious intellectuals in imperialist countries cannot deny it. The main imperialist countries, including the US and Britain, have a history of joining the antifascist camp and fighting against fascism, and France has a history of being liberated from the occupation of fascist Germany. Although the side of justice doesn't always win in wars, over the great course of history, it is undoubtedly one of the main factors that decisively inspires the enthusiasm of armies and the people, and influences the win and lose of wars.

For the just and righteous side to win, there must be strength in terms of capabilities. The anti-imperialist camp has strength. The capabilities of the anti-imperialist camp are divided into leading and auxiliary forces, according to a scientific

revolutionary strategy. The leading forces can be described as national powers, much like in the Second World War, and they consist of four countries: DPRK, China, Russia, and Iran.

The commonality among the first three main countries is that they are all nuclear missile powers armed with hydrogen bombs and hypersonic missiles. DPRK officially announced in 2017 that it had successful test of hydrogen bomb for ICBM, so the development of the hydrogen bomb itself must have been completed much earlier. DPRK has developed various types of strategic and tactical hypersonic missiles and has deployed them in practice. Even the head of the US Strategic Command is complaining that DPRK's missile development speed is too fast. There is no need to explain China's rapid nuclear missile development pace. Russia, as the world's acknowledged nuclear missile superpower, is in a similar position. What sets DPRK apart is its status as the most thorough socialist state. This plays a crucial role in determining the direction the world will take after the final victory of the anti-imperialist camp. China, as a socialist state with Chinese characteristics, stands out in terms of economic and diplomatic power. Russia, as a country with a socialist legacy, has made particular contributions to strengthening the anti-imperialist military power of many nations within the anti-imperialist camp. Specifically, Russia has played an important role not only in providing military support to Iran, a focal point of the current situation, but also in helping several countries in the Sahel region expel the French imperialist and US imperialist forces. If the Third World War were to escalate, it would inevitably lead to nuclear conflict, making the nuclear war deterrence of the anti-imperialist camp

crucial in countering imperialist nuclear strikes. In this context, the three major powers hold a special role in a Third World War, where the use of tactical nuclear weapons is highly likely. Iran is a strong missile power. The “Axis of Resistance,” which shares the same cause with Iran, is fiercely waging an anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist armed struggle on the West Asian theater.

Although Iran and the “Axis of Resistance” are neither socialist states nor countries with a socialist legacy, they are one of the leading anti-imperialist forces engaged in a life-and-death armed struggle against imperialist and Zionist powers.

They are waging fierce anti-imperialist armed and people’s struggles in various regions, including the Sahel region of Africa. Latin America may not be engaged in a full-scale war like West Asia or a regional conflict like Africa, but it is, in essence, waging an anti-imperialist struggle, albeit without the sound of gunfire.

While anti-imperialist armed struggles are being waged on a national or regional scale, not in full-scale wars, they are not recognized as one of the three major theatres of the Third World War. As a result, they cannot play a leading role, but it is important to note that armed struggle, the main form of the anti-imperialist struggle, is being conducted.

In short, the auxiliary anti-imperialist forces are those engaged in the world anti-imperialist popular struggle. This includes all forces except the major national powers that, in the three main theatres, are waging life-and-death armed struggles against imperialism with missiles and other means. These forces represent an overwhelming majority, encompassing the vast majority of the world’s population and natural resources.

These anti-imperialist leading and auxiliary forces are the most powerful forces in the history of the anti-imperialist movement, and their unity has reached its highest level. For example, the June 19 DPRK-Russia treaty that President Vladimir Putin directly signed with Chairman Kim Jong Un during his visit to DPRK this year is not only the strongest in the history of DPRK-Russia treaties but also far stronger than the US-“ROK” Mutual Defense Treaty, the US-Japan Mutual Defense Treaty, or even the NATO Treaty. The more imperialist military aggression, economic sanctions, and distorted propaganda intensify, the stronger the unity of anti-imperialist forces grows, in the three major theaters as well as worldwide. In the leading anti-imperialist forces, socialist countries form two of the three major countries. It is important to note that DPRK stands out for its strict adherence to socialist ideology and the principles of independence, self-reliance, and self-defense; that China and Russia remain firmly united within the anti-imperialist camp; that the anti-imperialist armed struggle led by the “Axis of Resistance,” including Iran, is drawing the 2-billion-strong Islamic population into the anti-imperialist front; and that anti-imperialist movements in Africa and Latin America continue to grow stronger.

In war, not only strength but also strategy is equally important. Even with superior military power, a poorly military strategy can still lead to defeat. In the Second World War, the Soviet Union’s victory was not only due to its justification and capacity but also because it had superior strategy. The reason why Georgy Zhukov is highly regarded as a great commander and hero is not only because he led victories in numerous battles but also because

he developed a strategy that spanned the entirety of the Second World War.

The foundation of the anti-imperialist camp's strategy is the combination of armed struggle and people's struggle. The former involves military force, while the latter is the basic methods of resistance by the people. Given the scale of a world war, armed struggle inevitably becomes the main method of anti-imperialist resistance. Even historically, in struggles for national or class liberation against imperialism, armed struggle has been the main method. Modern warfare is not only a high-tech war involving advanced weapons, but also a total war, where all national forces are mobilized with the fate of the nation at stake. This means it takes on the character of an all-people's war, where all available military force and the entire population participate in the war. In this context, it is important to highlight the "all-people's war" declared by Supreme Leader of DPRK Kim Jong Un during his policy speech to the Supreme People's Assembly of DPRK on January 15, 2024. The all-people's war is a basic method of the struggle of the anti-imperialist camp. The imperialist camp can never adopt such a strategy. This is why the anti-imperialist camp holds an absolute advantage in its basic method of the struggle of the anti-imperialist camp.

Based on this method of all-people's war, the anti-imperialist camp has historically employed various tactics and operations to achieve victory. Around the time of Second World War, revolutionary forces and anti-imperialist forces gained valuable practical experience that remains relevant today, such as the Soviet Union's war of attrition, China's protracted war, DPRK's guerrilla war, and other positional warfare strategies. These

lessons should be considered alongside the characteristics of modern warfare, with its high-tech weapons, and the tactics being employed by the imperialist camp in the three main theaters of war.

Currently, the imperialist camp primarily bases its operations on proxy war, expeditionary war, regional war, and non-nuclear hybrid warfare. Led by US and European imperialism, the imperialist camp is employing proxy war tactics in Ukraine, with the Kyiv regime, and in West Asia, with Netanyahu's Israeli government, acting as its proxies. The same tactics apply to the wars in the "ROK" and Taiwan, and will continue if these wars expand into East Asia and the Western Pacific. In other words, the leading forces of imperialism—the US and Western Europe—do not directly engage but provide support from afar. The imperialist camp is trying to limit Third World War to "regional wars" confined to the three main theaters, pushing for these to remain local wars. Moreover, they are provoking Russia, China, and DPRK to use tactical nuclear weapons in an attempt to label them as part of the "New Axis of Aggressors." The imperialist camp's greatest fear is that if they also resort to tactical nuclear weapons, it could escalate into mutual strategic nuclear attacks on each other's homelands, leading to mutual assured destruction (MAD). Nuclear weapons in the anti-imperialist camps serve not only their essential mission of deterring imperialist nuclear attacks but also as a powerful tool for instilling nuclear fear within the imperialist camp.

In summary, the imperialist camp does not expect to win this war outright. Instead, their goals are to exhaust the national power of Russia, Iran, China, and form a "new Cold War" frame

work on a global scale by labeling them as the “New Axis of Aggressors” and isolating them. They hope to stretch this into a long-term struggle, ultimately securing final victory, much like in the “Cold War”. The imperialist camp’s objectives are already limited.

This means that if the major power countries of the anti-imperialist camp take matters into their own hands, fully leverage the advantages of a battlefield close to their homelands, and engage in a war of attrition, a protracted war, or sometimes a lightning war—an all-out war with all their capacity, a full-scale war—the anti-imperialist camp is bound to win. In fact, in the war in Ukraine, Russia is winning despite the astronomical support of NATO, including the US; in West Asia, Iran has proven that its ballistic missiles can penetrate Israel’s air defenses and strike wherever it wants. And in East Asia and the Western Pacific, the US, as the only nuclear-armed country, is faced with three nuclear-armed countries: DPRK, China, and Russia. Here, DPRK and China are determined to give everything they have to win. Meanwhile, the other non-nuclear states that follow the US hold little significance in this war where tactical nuclear weapons would be used. The anti-imperialist camp also holds overwhelming superiority in the war in East Asia and the Western Pacific, the main battlefield of Third World War.

The imperialist camp aims to win the war even while losing battles, but defeat in this particular battle is so decisive that it effectively means defeat in the war. The victory of Russia in Eastern Europe, the victory of Iran and the “Axis of Resistance” in Western Asia, and the victory of the DPRK and China in

East Asia and the Western Pacific will defeat the imperialist powers on their respective battlefields, serving as a turning point to fulfill long-cherished aspirations and achieve significant leaps forward in military, political, and economic aspects. Meanwhile, the imperialist camp will face fatal consequences, including collective withdrawals from NATO and the European Union, the collapse of US dollar hegemony, and the collective membership of countries in BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. This will usher in a new period of upsurge of history, marked by the rise of national liberation revolutions worldwide and the resurgence of transitions toward socialist revolutions.

In this war, which the imperialist camp is waging to promote “the militarization of the economy” and exploit monopoly profits based on its boundless greed in order to escape its political and economic crisis, its limitations and errors are evident in all aspects—goals, means, and methods. The victory of the anti-imperialist camp, superior in all aspects of justification, capability, and strategy, is certain. The imperialist camp will perish in the flames of Third World War, just as the fascist powers did in Second World War. Imperialism will be miserably defeated by the struggling peoples on the battlefields of Eastern Europe, Western Asia, East Asia and the Western Pacific, and in Africa, Latin America, and every corner of the world. The victory of the anti-imperialist forces in the Third World War will be a decisive turning point in promoting independence, peace, people’s democracy, and socialism in Africa and across the globe. We, the people, will inevitably win.

Comments on Trump's election

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- Trump might present himself as “anti-deep state,” but it does not make him anti-imperialist. His election only offers a tactical benefit: that of deepening divisions within the US. But there is nothing to expect from a strategic perspective in terms of strengthening the force of the anti-imperialist camp.
- The world war maneuver of the imperialist camp has been jeopardized by the election of Trump. The imperialist camp is now experiencing tactical disorder in its conduct of the war in Ukraine. It is well-known that Trump's views on NATO differ from that of the rest of the US establishment. His views on the DPRK and Russia are undoubtedly different from Biden's. But the imperialist camp will not hesitate to resort to all kinds of unreasonable measures to ensure that the momentum toward a World War remains steady, despite any shifts in Trump's policies.
- Trump is consistently taking a hard-line pro-Zionist stance on the war in West Asia (the Middle East). It is no coincidence that part of big capital and the mainstream media have been neutral or even supportive of Trump during the election.

- In light of his career and previous political positioning, it is questionable whether the vice president-elect J.D. Vance will share Trump's views to the end. He has many traits reminiscent of the former vice president, Mike Pence. Who's to say there won't be another assassination attempt on Trump? If he is assassinated, Vance will become president.

- The defeat of current vice president Kamala Harris in the presidential election and the majority loss of the Democratic party even in the Senate embody the harsh judgments of American voters on the current administration of the Democratic Party. The American people have turned their back on its economic failures and war policies. The elections in Europe were no different. This shows that just as nothing fundamental has changed in Europe, things will largely stay the same in the US. There can be no fundamental change in the imperialist countries unless the party of the workers and the people is in power.

- The main anti-imperialist countries, the DPRK, China, and Russia, adhere to the strategic line of strengthening the anti-imperialist front. Still, on the other hand, they will use the contradictions and divisions in the US from a tactical perspective in order to wear down the imperialist camp.

- Donald Trump's election victory cannot stop the imperialist strategy to foment World War 3. The imperialist camp will provoke and escalate war more often, more intensely, and more forcibly to make World War 3 our irreversible horizon.

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Unless we analyze the political situation scientifically, we cannot establish a revolutionary strategy.

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