

WE DO NOT ENLIST

Finally, the war came. After two years of preparation for war, of chants, flags, discipline, that “we are at war” announced starting in the spring of 2020 is finally reality. The tragic news coming from Ukraine is the fuse that was sought for the ultimate militarization of our society.

Wars are always a bloodbath for the exploited and a rich business for the masters. We are not interested in the opposing propaganda reasons of the belligerents. The exploited in Russia as in Ukraine, in Italy as in the United States are our brothers, their blood is our blood. The governments, the generals, the industrialists, the financiers are our enemies, our executioners, our starvers.

The arrogant and insatiable thirty-year expansion of NATO and the internal crisis of Russia have been the mixture for the explosive situation in which we find ourselves thrown. On the one hand, a long series of imperialistic precedents such as the bombing of Serbia, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the support of criminal gangs such as those who rule Ukraine, where trade unionists are burned alive; on the other hand, regimes, such as those of Putin and Lukašenko, who keep themselves standing with the glue of encirclement paranoia and imperial nostalgia, where anarchists and opponents are arrested and tortured. In the face of all this crap, no front is ours. Our enemies are not the exploited on the other side of the front, but all the rulers, starting with those at home.

From this point of view, Italian politics is showing its true face and seems to have thrown off the mask in comedy with which the political forces recite their dialectic. Thus we see a shameless alignment to the militaristic rhetoric: from the Partito Democratico, which by now embodies the largest systemic force in our society, which does not renounce at every opportunity to emphasize its Atlanticism and Europeanism, to the fictitious opposition of Fratelli d'Italia, which – as the world's ugliest anthem recites – when “Italy called” did not wait a minute to put on the NATO helmet.

In reiterating our internationalism and our refusal to participate in this tragic farce, it is worth remembering that, if there is a “Russian party” in Italy today, it is certainly not embodied by some old wreck of Stalinism, but rather by the shady business of Intesa Sanpaolo or of the Italian multinational energy companies.

Therefore we have no confidence in those who dragged us into this situation. The war can only be stopped by the direct action of proletarians, by their insubordination: at work as well as at the front, we disobey our superiors, we disarm them, we block production, we stop the war mobilization. It is we who pay the most expensive price for the power games of the States. It is a price that is being paid by those under the bombs and that we are paying too, with the increase of energy and fuel, and consequently of all consumer goods.

We greet with joy the demonstrations that are taking place in St. Petersburg and Moscow in these hours, as we greet with joy the protests of truck drivers in Italy against the increase in fuel prices: even if they are not aware of it, those who are stopping the country today against the cost of living are the greatest enemies of war, because they are already making politics and economy pay the price of its consequences.

However, so that these are not sporadic movements, episodic and extemporaneous reactions, it is necessary that the exploited of each country can dialogue with each other: the international is the form of concrete organization with which, in the struggle, the exploited can coordinate and dialogue, thus forcing the States to stop their death machine.

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