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The re-founding of the UN



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The confrontation between UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the Zionist State of Israel, for claiming that Hamas's actions do not come out of nowhere, but are the consequence of "56 years of suffocating occupation", as well as the inability of the United Nations to stop the genocide of a people that is being broadcast by the media as if it were a post-apocalyptic film, it just shows that that body's RIP is close.

If it is absolutely useless to stop the Palestinian genocide, what good is it?

The UN was created in 1945 by the victors of World War II, the United States and the USSR, to which they added Great Britain, France and a total of 51 states. The People's Republic of China joined in 1971, replacing the Republic of China, which was expelled.

Article 1 of the Founding Charter states: "To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures to prevent and eliminate threats to the

peace, and to suppress acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace; and to bring about by peaceful means, and in accordance with the principles of justice and international law, the adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations likely to lead to breaches of the peace."

Although peace has not been maintained at any time since its foundation, the trail of local wars are part of the recent history of humanity (beginning of the Arab-Israeli war, Indo-Pakistani, Korea, the two Vietnam wars, etc., etc.), the danger of the repetition of the two great conflicts of the twentieth century (the First and Second World Wars) was removed for a reason that had little to do with legislation of the UN, and a lot with the social reality on which it was built.

The Second World War had closed a chapter of history, who would succeed the European powers, especially Great Britain and France (the great losers: they lost their colonial empires); As force resolved the conflict, the U.S. became the new lord and master by physically destroying its great emerging competitors, Germany and Japan.

But they opened another, the so-called "cold war"; which is none other than the war between capitalist imperialism and the states that after the Second World War expropriated their bourgeoisies and established non-capitalist states, which escaped the direct domination of the bourgeoisie. After that war, 1/3 of the world's population ceased to be under the laws of capitalism and were governed by economic (economic planning) and social (collectivization versus individualism) criteria opposed by the apex to those defended by the United States.

If it was a "cold war" and did not become a "hot war" it was due to the conscious policy of the bureaucracies of those workers' states of "peaceful coexistence"; Their permanence in power was linked to the maintenance of world peace. They had not the slightest intention of carrying the socialist revolution to the end, but of staying in power at any cost under the fallacy of "overcoming capitalism". Behind this nonsensical phrase – the world market ended up eating them up – they hid their renunciation of the revolution; And since everything that doesn't move forward, goes backwards, those states ended up returning to the fold of capitalism.

Well, under this correlation of forces, which was a technical "stalemate", the UN was built; An edifice built on class collaboration and the social pact, "peaceful coexistence". For this reason, his method worked until one of the "contractors" of the pact disappeared with the restoration of capitalism in the states of the so-called "really existing socialism"; the balance between the states was broken, culminating in the hegemony of a single state,

the United States. The UN ceased to be an organization of a "social pact" to be an institution that only served to endorse the imperialist adventures of the victors of the Cold War and, if not, they would pass from it as in the Second Iraq War.

But life doesn't stop; Rather, that same victory left the world in the hands of capitalism as the only mode of production on the entire planet: after the struggles of the 90s, all the states of the world were transformed into capitalist ones, and if there is one thing that defines capitalism, it is competition. It's innate to him, he can't survive without her.

In the 80s it was Japan, then the European Union, that seemed to question this hegemonic power; but all of them were tied to the American giant by a thousand economic, political and military threads: Japan and Germany were the powers physically destroyed in the 40s and Yankee occupation forces are located on their territory, as a permanent reminder of their defeat in 1945.

The "surprise" did not come from the old European powers, in a barbaric decadence that makes their attempts at unification to better position themselves in the inter-imperialist competition clash with their history of conformation as states. The European bourgeoisies want to square the circle, to unify in order to compete without renouncing to compete with each other; the result is that "half-state/half-international treaty" monstrosity that is the EU.

The "surprise" came from the states where capitalism had been restored and which the workers' states had rapidly industrialized, Russia and, above all, China, which from being the "factory of the world" has been transformed into the "banker of the world", and, therefore, into an imperialist power that seriously threatens Yankee hegemony. For the first time since 1945, they see their status as a hegemonic power in danger, with the internal consequences that this entails: it would be the end of the "American way of living".

On the way to the defense of this status they give up nothing, and since "between two equal rights, it is force that decides" (Marx, Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right) when "war with words" (national laws and international treaties) is not enough, hot war is the way that capitalists, Through their states, they have to prevail over their competitors.

For the U.S., and its allies, the UN, its promises to "maintain international peace and security," which never served much purpose, are now a hindrance on the way to retaining the hegemonic role; In order to reorganize the world according to the new criteria, the "struggle between the imperialist states for domination of the rest of the world is (...) a

basic factor in defining the nature and destiny of the relevant international organizations" (E B Pasukanis, On International Law).

This new reality turns the UN into a zombie that only serves to statistically ratify the butcheries carried out by the capitalist states and through their agencies (World Bank, IMF, UNICEF, and others) guarantee the survival of the "really existing" world order, which is none other than the domination of the Euro-American imperialist axis. its semi-colonies and enclaves such as Israel; which allows them to enjoy a license to violate human rights and the sovereignty of peoples.

The UN is a zombie at the service of this imperialist axis that serves no other purpose than to demonize those who step out of that axis; the double standards between Russia and Israel in their wars of occupation is the best demonstration of this role that does not "guarantee peace" but stokes it. Russia, when it occupies part of Ukraine, is expelled from all bodies except the UN and the Security Council, the ICC (International Criminal Court) issues an arrest warrant against Putin, the sanctions are taken to the General Assembly.

Israel has, since its foundation in 1947, been in breach of all UN resolutions, and now, in the face of the "final solution" unleashed against Gaza by the Zionist state, they limit themselves to generic statements and when their Secretary General goes off script reading a statement with truths like fists, they allow themselves the cockiness of vetoing UN officials and calling for their resignation. Zionism knows that they are the privileged tool of the Euro-Americans to maintain "their" order in the Middle East and the Arab world.

The UN between total crisis and refoundation

If an organism that was built to "keep the peace", which was, in reality, to sustain capitalism after the two carnages it caused in the twentieth century (the First and Second World Wars), and already at that time it was ineffective, except to take the war out of Europe that was transferred to the so-called "third world"; What can it do now that capitalism is the only existing mode of production in the world, when all states are driven by the law of the market jungle? The UN is a zombie, because its promises to "keep the peace" clash with the reality of a capitalism in crisis and decadence, which knows only one way to survive, force in the face of its peoples and in the face of competitors.

In the face of this absolute crisis of the organism that "regulated" the relations between states, all capitalist circles are aware that the hierarchy between states must be changed.

"The United Nations has fought and continues to fight for the progress and well-being of humanity (...) However, given the fundamental way in which the world has changed over the past seven decades, there is a clear need to reform the United Nations and its principal

organs," said Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of last year's sixty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

For its part, in September of this year the digital newspaper Bloomberg wrote: "a world disappointed by the UN begins to look for answers elsewhere", the Euro-American powers in NATO, it should be added; and "if the countries that dominate the UN continue to resist reform, the global south will have no choice but to look for options outside the UN system"; Specifically, the BRICS and its expression of security, the Shanghai Cooperation Agreement, for example.

It is this disappointment that leads the representatives of the Global South, heirs of the "Non-Aligned Movement" of the Cold War with China at the head, to call for an adaptation of the UN to the new hierarchies between states that is being built on the ruins of Syria, Libya, Yemen, Ukraine, Palestine or the Sahara.

Despite what they say from the so-called "global south" or from the media of Euro-American imperialism, the peoples of the world and, less than less, the world working class, have nothing to expect from an organism – democratized or not – that was built to maintain capitalism and that now has exactly the same objective in the framework of a new correlation of forces between the imperialist powers; By no means do they intend to end exploitation and oppression, only to reorder the structures of power in the world.

In the same way that the United States, at the beginning of the 20th century, when it presented its credentials as an emerging imperialist power, did so from the "freedom of trade" and the supposed respect for the sovereignty of the peoples by supporting national liberation struggles such as that of Cuba against the decadent Spanish empire, the current imperialist competitors use the same rhetoric of "defense of the sovereignty of the peoples" and "freedom of trade." Behind these slogans lies their real objective, to replace the "old and decrepit" colonial power (be it Spain, France or Great Britain at that time, the US today), with the "young and dynamic" Chinese and Russian capitalists and their BRICS allies.

The solution is not to establish new institutions that only attenuate social contradictions, in the service of the imperialist "youth" replacing the "old and decrepit" in world domination, but to put an end to the social relations of production and their consequences of concentration and centralization of capital, and therefore of power.

It was Lenin who said, under conditions of similar inter-imperialist contradictions, that the new powers should not be "fattened" in the face of the "old and decrepit" empires. The task is to build a policy independent of any bourgeoisie, imperialist or nationalist, in order

to reconstruct the world under social, political and economic criteria opposed at the apex to the capitalist hierarchy, socialism; The first phase is towards a communist society, where the defence of the common good is the ordering axis of social life.

It is obvious that this new way of organizing society excludes any institutional compromise that, like the UN, only serves to maintain the capitalist order that must be confronted for what it is, part of the problem and not of the solution.

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