

## INTEGRATIONS AND DISINTEGRATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN IMPERIALIST UNION

The process of integration of European imperialism continues to be subject to centrifugal and centripetal forces that increase in intensity as the crisis progresses, retro-feeding or compensating each other depending on the case.

### Protectionism and troubled companies

The EU has inflation at 10.8% and rising, northern European ports remain congested, energy prices are skyrocketing, and the drought during the summer months took a heavy toll on river trade flowing on the Rhine, Weser, Elbe, Danube, etc., which *"contributes 1 ton of cargo annually for every EU resident and contributes \$80 billion to the region's economy as a means of transport alone."* (Bloomberg, 10-08-2022). The ECB *"claims that 25% of debt funds are in a very vulnerable situation due to the poor credit quality of their assets (...) it expects the level of defaults to rise to 8% this year."* (Expansión, 26-05-2022).

In view of this situation, the European Commission has announced that it will allow "the governments of the member countries to grant up to 400,000 euros to the companies most affected by the war in Ukraine and the rise in energy prices (...) to immediately introduce subsidy schemes of up to 35,000 euros per company in the specific sectors of agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture (...) Member States may grant aid of up to 25 million euros for large energy consumers and up to 50 million euros for companies in specific sectors highly vulnerable to the cost increases seen in recent weeks (aluminum and other metals, glass fibers, pulp, fertilizers or hydrogen and numerous chemical products)". (Expansión, 24-03-2022).

Although still pending approval by the EU parliament, the Commission has announced the Single Market Emergency Instrument (inspired by the US Defense Production Act) to be able to intervene companies in critical sectors and impose the acceptance of orders.

The EU is also processing a regulation that will allow it to veto the purchase of European companies by non-EU companies with state subsidies and to control public sector contributions to companies within the EU with *"fines that could reach 10% of the turnover of the affected company."* (Expansión 17-07-2022).

While seeking to protect their domestic market, several EU states are trying to promote free trade agreements to conquer a larger share of the international market: *"The 15 subscribers point out that while 80% of Japan's trade takes place through free trade agreements (...) the EU exports barely a third in this way. Among the subscribers to the petition are (...) Spain, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, the three Baltic countries, Finland, Sweden, Croatia, Denmark, Slovenia and Malta. France is not there (...) and Brussels does not hesitate to point out that it is the country that is putting the most obstacles to the enforcement, even if only provisionally, of the pacts already signed with Mercosur (Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay) or the updating of those reached with Mexico and Chile."* (El País, 22-06-2022).

The petty bourgeoisie is also feeling the consequences of the situation. One example is the protests in the Netherlands by part of the small and medium agricultural bourgeoisie against the Dutch government's decision to comply with a 2019 CJEU ruling, which entails reducing the total number of cattle by 30% through incentives or expropriations: *"Roads blocked, piles of straw burned next to freeways, supermarkets out of stock, tons of manure scattered, police responding to tractor drivers' protests with gunfire... "What is happening here will happen in a few years in other countries in Europe and the world," warns Jos*

*Ubels, president of Farmers Defence Force, one of the organizations that has mobilized the Dutch countryside the most. Farmers in Germany and Poland showed their solidarity with them last week and blocked roads."* (La Vanguardia, 12-07-2022).

### Big tech

The EU remains unable to produce an alternative to the big, usually American, platforms. In the continuation of its attempt to subdue them, the Digital Services Act has been passed which will allow content removal to be mandated and technology companies to have to provide the algorithms they implement. The law affects companies with *"at least 45 million active end users or 10,000 active professional users that year. Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple, Microsoft all meet these requirements (...) also the accommodation site Booking.com and the e-commerce group Alibaba."* (Expansión, 20-08-2022)

In the same regard, the EUGC confirmed the fine of €4,125 million imposed on Google (although it can still be appealed before the CJEU). Since 2017 the EU has imposed a total of more than \$8 billion in fines on Google.

Pending approval by the EU is the Digital Markets Act with which it will force the messaging applications of the main companies to be interoperable with the rest, and a single charger (USB-C) for a total of fourteen electronic devices has been imposed as of 2024.

### Risk premiums under stress

With the end of the extension of the asset purchase program, the bond yields of the various European states have risen. This means an increase in the financing costs of EU states and the spread over the German bond yield (the "risk premium") started to increase for Italian, Spanish, etc. debt.

The European bourgeoisie increasingly feels the need to eliminate this Achilles heel and give free play to the joint issue of debt through Eurobonds. The EU issued 215 billion euros linked to the programs against unemployment (SURE) and the plan for the restructuring of the economy (NGEU), but: *"The ECB is asking for liquidity to strengthen the Eurobonds (...) the lack of a safe asset at the community level is one of the great differences with respect to the US market, where the treasury is the undisputed king. (...) its continued issuance would also "reduce the gap in a market that is currently small and fragmented"."* (Expansión, 12-09-2022).

### Tensions over Russian oil and gas

The varying degrees of interconnection and dependence between the EU states and Russia are reflected in clashes between them.

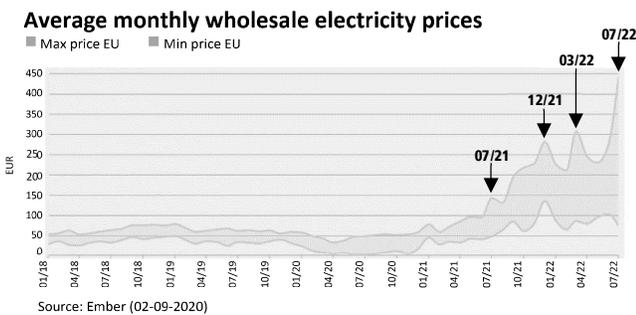
The EU had to juggle in order to be able to ban the import of Russian oil, but still allow Hungary to buy it: Russian oil arriving by sea was banned, but not oil arriving by land. But Hungary is not the only state with which there has been friction. For example, regarding the proposal to cap Russian gas, *"Austria is the country that has most clearly shown its rejection, but it is not the only one that harbors reticence. Countries such as Germany and the Czech Republic have not hidden their doubts about the idea of establishing a ceiling on the price of Russian gas."* (Expansión, 09-09-2022).

The process of disconnecting from Russian gas had already begun in several countries, even though the connection via Nord Stream 2 had been completed. Poland had particularly advanced this disconnection: *"Warsaw already announced in 2019 its*

intention not to extend the contract it had with the Russian giant Gazprom beyond 2022. Between now and the end of the year, it will be able to receive Norwegian gas through the Baltic Pipe project, a new undersea pipeline that will connect Norway with Poland." (Expansión, 28-04-2022). This is one of the reasons why Russian imperialism was pushed to act militarily before its gas pressure capacity had been reduced too much.

There are several countries, besides the US, aspiring to fill the business gap left by Russia: from Venezuela to Qatar, Israel, Azerbaijan, Colombia and Peru, have reached agreements or increased production and export of oil, gas and coal.

Electricity prices in Europe started to rise in 2021, reaching a first peak in July 2021 and continued to rise until reaching a second peak in December 2021. After a dip a peak occurred again in March 2022 and after another dip they have shot up in June-July 2022, in view of the imminent Russian gas shutdown.



In September, Russia definitively cut off gas to Europe, which sent gas prices soaring by 30%. Then the price dropped by 40% following the European Commission's announcement of a plan to intervene in the price of energy at €180 per megawatt: "member states will collect 117 billion annually through the temporary cap on electricity producers. Another 25 billion would come from the tax on fossil fuel companies." (Expansión, 15-09-2022).

Attempting to secure supplies, Germany has taken control of Rosneft's three oil refineries as it had previously done with Gazprom's subsidiary in Germany.

### Approximation between Spanish imperialism and the USA. Impact on Morocco-Sahara-Algeria

The Spanish state has recognized Moroccan sovereignty over Western Sahara, as the US had previously done, aligning itself politically. This is a reflex of an alignment at the economic level of several pieces.

The interests of the Spanish state in Western Sahara and Morocco are not new. In addition to the strategic position of Western Sahara, it has important resources: "The most important are the phosphate deposits, although there are also gold mines." (Expansión, 22-03-2022). Phosphates are necessary for the manufacture of fertilizers and their synthesis cannot be done in a laboratory: "Morocco has 70% of the world's reserves, while those of China, the United States and Russia are running out (...) Those of Bucraa could represent 1% of the total". (Expansión, 22-03-2022). Morocco inaugurated in 2021 the port of Dakhla, which "has an industrial and logistics area of more than 1,600 square meters. (...) Now, it is expanding that of Laayoune, where "it will install a fertilizer factory." (Expansión, 22-03-2022).

Also in the fishing they have compatible interests: "The current fishing agreement between the EU and Rabat came into force in July 2019 for a period of four years and allows 128 licenses for European vessels, including 92 Spanish ones. Morocco will enter in total more than 208.7 million euros, and

this year the fee amounts to 55.1 million." (Expansión, 22-03-2022).

Let's remember that the US recognition had as a condition the diplomatic recognition of Israel by Morocco; let's see how it has materialized: "last autumn, a subsidiary of the Israeli group Ratio Petroleum closed an agreement with Morocco to prospect for oil and gas. The firm, in addition, will have 100% of the exploration rights for both hydrocarbons in an area of 109,000 square kilometers." (Expansión, 22-03-2022).

Finally, it has also been agreed with Morocco that "it will receive 500 million from the EU to control its borders". (El País, 15-08-2022). That is to say, that it will continue to carry out its role of murderous bully as delegate of Spanish and European capitalism against immigrants who are pushed towards the fences by material pressures, in spontaneous or orchestrated attempts.

What has been the piece that has allowed all the other pieces of the puzzle to fit together? The massive entry of LNG from the US into the Spanish State and the role that Spanish imperialism hopes to play on the basis of its infrastructure of reception, storage, regasification and distribution of LNG. Already in July 2020 there was a displacement of Algerian gas by US LNG (see "The Internationalist Proletarian" nº5, p. 12). This displacement motivated Algeria to retaliate against the Spanish State, cutting off gas to Morocco, which inherently means cutting off one of the gas inflows to the Iberian Peninsula.

Currently, Spain receives more gas through its LNG terminals than it needs and has become a gas exporter. This gas is exported through the existing pipelines. This includes the pipeline that until recently pumped gas from Algeria to Spain via Morocco, but now does so in the opposite direction, exporting gas to Morocco. To these, they want to add the Midcat to reach Germany as well as the Spain-Italy pipeline. In fact, Spain has become the main buyer of Russian LNG worldwide. The Russian origin of part of the gas explains why the EU has – for the time being – not financed the gas connection between the Iberian Peninsula and Germany (Midcat). The world's second largest buyer of Russian LNG is France, which is the partner/competitor blocking the construction of Midcat.

The Spanish state has also become a "hub" through its terminals. Without any re-gasification of LNG, LNG carriers unload their cargoes, which are then loaded by other LNG carriers to their final destination.

As can be seen, economy and business rule under capitalism and the government of false socialists and false communists of the PSOE and Unidas Podemos (of which the PCE is part), have drawn a veil over all their previous declarations of solidarity with the Saharawis in favor of PROFIT. Nor have they had any qualms in applauding or hypocritically looking the other way in the face of the increasingly crude repression against the immigrants trying to cross the fences at the border, which led to the MURDER at the hands of the forces of bourgeois order of more than 30 immigrants in June.

### Russophile trends in Germany

In Europe and specially in Germany, there are a number of bourgeois tendencies that have been tending towards a strategic partnership with Russia for decades.

An obvious element of this tendency is the Chancellor of Germany between 1998 and 2005, Gerhard Schröder, a member of the German Social Democratic Party, who was even chairman of the board of directors of Rosneft and of the shareholders' meeting of Nord Stream AG. To force him out of these positions,

the German state withdrew his perks as former chancellor in May, resulting in his stepping down from the Rosneft board, although he remains chairman of the shareholders' committee of Nord Stream AG.

The current Federal President of Germany is persona *non grata* in Ukraine: "*Volodymyr Zelenski rejects his presence. Steinmeier, of social democratic affiliation, cultivated a pro-Russian policy in his time as foreign minister (...).*" (La Vanguardia, 13-04-2022).

Also Angela Merkel, Germany's chancellor from 2005 until November 2021 and a member of the Christian Democrat party, has had a general position of rapprochement towards Russia and "*played an active role in denying Ukraine the status of a candidate country to join NATO at the Bucharest summit in 2008 (...)*" "*I don't see why I should tell myself that it was a mistake and for that I will not apologize,*" she told Osang, an East German like herself. "*In retrospect, I'm glad I don't have to blame myself for not trying to prevent an event like this. On the contrary, fortunately I have tried hard enough together with successive French presidents and this gives me a certain peace of mind,*" she assured." (El País, 12-06-2022).

This tendency towards a strategic alliance with Russia has been suddenly bent and retracted by the development of events and the military irruption of the Russian BULLY in its own backyard. But that it has been bent does not mean by any means that it will simply disappear, since it is a reflex of a whole series of economic and geostrategic interrelationships within the Eurasian continent and pushing German capitalism in that direction. These are not the only forces and relationships at work, but they are structural forces and relationships that are unlikely to cease to operate. This current is also a reflex of the lack of economic perspective that it means for a number of sectors to place themselves in the shadow of U.S. imperialism.

Finally, it is no secret that the Alternative for Germany party receives political and economic support from Russia. Its spokesman "*called this week in the Bundestag for the normalization of relations with Russia and the opening of Nord Stream 2*" (El País, 12-09-2022).

### **Hungary and Poland**

The role of internal blockade of European imperialism played by Hungary and Poland deserves special mention.

We have already seen that Hungary did not accept the veto on Russian oil and the Hungarian bourgeoisie has also refused to allow the shipment of arms through its territory to Ukraine. The official statements of the ruling fraction of the Hungarian bourgeoisie are contrary to the European Commission and the present Ukrainian government: "*The list of rival forces as recited by Orbán is: 'The left at home, the international left, the Brussels bureaucrats, the Soros empire (tycoon whom he accuses of interfering in Hungary) with all its money, the international media and, in the end, even the Ukrainian president (...)* who last week accused him of "*being practically the only one in Europe who openly supports Putin*" ". (La Vanguardia, 05-04-2022).

The European Commission has begun to apply the economic blackmail machine to bring the rebel back into the fold and "*announced yesterday that, for the first time, it will activate the process that should allow the freezing of European funds (...)* agricultural aid, cohesion funds or even the recovery fund, more than 20 billion euros. (...)" "*For this reason the Commission has another procedure open, that of Article 7 of the Treaty, which could ultimately leave the Hungarian government without a vote in the decisions of the Council. But in the latter case, unanimity*

*is necessary, and so far Budapest has always had the support of partners such as Poland.*" (La Vanguardia, 06-04-2022).

As with all other centrifugal tendencies, this situation generates the opposite momentum and the EU is considering ending unanimity voting to avoid blockages by EU member states: "*Macron, Von der Leyen and the president of the European Parliament, (...) spoke out in favor of a treaty change and majority voting to allow the EU to act more quickly.*" (Financial Times, 11-05-2022).

Additionally, "*Hungary has now blocked the EU project to impose a 15% minimum tax on large multinationals, in line with the pact reached last summer at the OECD. (...) Hungary thus takes over from Poland.*" (Expansión, 18-06-2022).

Hungary also tried to block the financing by European imperialism of the bourgeois and dependent Palestinian Authority, to which the EU "*each year injects some 600 million euros.*" (La Vanguardia, 15-06-2022).

Despite acting in a similar sense in regards to the internal blockade of European imperialism, if Hungary tends to link itself with Russia, Poland does so with the USA: "*That a president of the United States visits Poland is not extraordinary. George W. Bush and Barack Obama, for example, did it three times during their terms in office. (...) Poland hosts around 10,000 of the 100,000 military personnel that Washington keeps deployed in Europe.*" (El País, 26-03-2022). Poland had, in fact, already prepared to cut its dependence on Russian gas and, for the time being, "*has received more than 3.6 million*" (El País, 02-06-2022) Ukrainian refugees.

And if it seemed that the recovery funds for Poland had been unblocked, simultaneously to the lifting of its veto on the tax for multinationals, the reality a month later is that: "*the European Commission maintains blocked 15.5 billion euros allocated to Hungary and 36 billion corresponding to Poland*". (La Vanguardia, 14-07-2022).

In response, Kaczynski made the following statement: "*They (the powerful in the EU) intend to bend us and subjugate us to the power of Germany. We cannot go back any further. We do not fit in the plans of Germany and Russia to dominate Europe. An independent Poland, economically, socially and militarily strong, is an obstacle for them.*" (La Vanguardia, 11-08-2022) while the head of the government called to "*fight the two imperialisms*" (Russian and European). And the rancid ruling fraction of the bourgeoisie in Poland is not without reason in denouncing as "imperialists" both Russia and the EU, but they have forgotten along the way to mention themselves and the USA, among many others.

The secretary of the Law and Justice party (PiS), currently in power, threatened: "*We will try to use all the possibilities contemplated in the treaties, and these include the right of veto, which can be used strictly or more broadly. (...) Therefore, we will apply the tactic of a tooth for a tooth*". (Expansión, 09-08-2022). And within a month it was institutionally declared that "*Poland demands 1.3 trillion from Germany for WWII damages.*" (El País, 02-09-2022).

All these fusses are evidence of Poland's economic dependence on the funds blocked by the European Commission and, therefore, are a demonstration of weakness. But this does not mean that rupture or even expulsion is not possible.

### **Candidates and the reconstruction business**

The EU has granted "candidate" status to Ukraine and Moldova, after a few detours and after France proposed a "European political community" as a substitute. This has led to

tensions in other states that have been on the list for years: Turkey has been a candidate since 1999 (in 2019 the European Parliament suspended the candidacy); Montenegro, since 2010; Serbia, since 2012; Albania, since 2014; and North Macedonia has been a candidate since 2005. *"Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia showed their anger at an accession process whose spirit they consider 'murky' (...). They complained against a 'divided' EU that still treats them as 'guests' "* (El País, 24-06-2022).

An important stimulus for the maintenance of EU cohesion is the prospect of the reconstruction business of the new Ukrainian "candidate", which has been quantified for the moment at *"750 billion dollars"* (La Vanguardia, 05-07-2022). The European bourgeoisie plans to *"confiscate 300 billion from Russia"* to *"pay for a good part of the reconstruction."* (Expansion, 10-05-2022).

### **Conflict with UK over the border in Ireland**

The conflict with the UK over the border arrangements in Northern Ireland continues. The EU has initiated "legal action" on the matter, but it will not be a question of "law" that will determine the end of this struggle but the internal economic interdependence of the island and with the EU, as well as the relations with the rest of imperialism.

For the moment, the trend is not exactly favorable to the British bourgeoisie. In May, Sinn Féin won the autonomous elections in Northern Ireland and the US *"has reminded London that the US Congress will not give the green light to any trade agreement if a 'hard border' is re-established in Northern Ireland"* (Expansion, 21-05-2022).

On the other hand, the EU (through the ECHR) blocked in June the first deportation of 130 immigrants from the UK to Rwanda by plane. This criminal action of the British bourgeoisie (which the Danish bourgeoisie also wants to carry out) has not been stopped by "humanitarian" questions but by the struggle between competing imperialists who use whatever weapons they have at hand.

### **Supply of the commodity labor force**

With regard to the supply of the commodity labor force, European exploiters, especially in France, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Holland and Ireland, *"are already having problems finding workers in 28 activities employing 27 million workers. This situation is exacerbated in 19 of these activities, which correspond to plumbers, bricklayers, carpenters, truck drivers, mechanics, electromechanics, computer and web application programmers, civil engineers, nurses, health assistants or medical specialists."* (El País, 27-04-2022). On the other hand, *"the job offers that [the Spanish bourgeoisie] was not able to cover in 2021 were close to 110,000 vacant figures that the INE raised to 134,000 in the first half of this year, (...) in a country that almost agglutinates one out of every four unemployed in the EU."* (Expansión, 21-06-2022).

Throughout the summer airports have been collapsed and thousands of flights have had to be cancelled, due to lack of manpower and the stoppages and conflicts that have occurred. A Spanish subsidized trade unionist from the trade union services company UGT, explains *"in ground services thousands of people have been laid off in countries such as Germany, the Netherlands or the United Kingdom; in Spain ERTes [contract suspensions or furloughs] were applied and the recovery of workers has been less costly than in these countries."* (La Vanguardia, 10-07-2022). This is the function of integrated and subsidized unionism, and, in particular, of the ERTes: to guarantee that the bourgeoisie has no problem of supplying the commodity labor force for its

capitalist exploitation, that it can park it and recover it without problems.

As a step towards the homogenization of the labor market in the EU, the European Commission is pushing for a directive establishing the rules for the fixing of the minimum interprofessional wage in the member states, the updating of the lowest wages and the deepening of the participation of integrated trade unionism in order to tie the working class tightly in this straitjacket.

To ensure the supply of exploitation flesh, the EU is speeding up international recruitment to fill vacancies and, in parallel, has reached an agreement whereby the various states commit themselves to a mechanism for the distribution of immigrants that can be validated by the payment of an amount to the states that take on more immigrants. At the same time, they have agreed on *"stricter rules on border control (...) biometric data regulation (Eurodac) and prior control at the external border."* (La Vanguardia, 11-06-2022) to control mass immigration: 155,090 immigrants had entered the EU by July 2022, 86% more than in the same period of 2021 and the highest volume in six years.

### **EU's military weakness and its militaristic cravings**

The EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security, the Spanish social democrat Josep Borrell has gone from the ambiguous and deceitful "NATO, to start with, no" (meaning "not now, maybe later") of 1982 to the following openly militaristic statements: *"Trade is not enough, the rule of law is not enough, it is not enough to be a good civilian power, **we must also be a military power** (...) the army, the defense capabilities, are the core of national sovereignty."* (El País, 01-06-2022).

In spite of these thinly disguised militaristic and imperialistic anxieties, European imperialism is quite behind in relation to the rest of its competitors: *"from 1999 to 2021 defense spending among all EU countries has barely increased by 20%; compared to 66% for the US; 292% for Russia and 592% for China."* (La Vanguardia, 19-05-2022). The same European Commission has had to admit that *"the delivery of arms to Ukraine has decimated the stocks of the countries, which shows that the twenty-seven are not prepared to defend themselves."* (La Vanguardia, 19-05-2022).

In addition to the more or less synchronized shipment of arms to Ukraine, military aid to Moldova will be increased, Denmark will be integrated into the military structures of the EU and the European Commission *"proposed a fund of 500 million euros for the joint purchase of armaments"* (La Vanguardia, 19-05-2022). This amount is at the same time significant and very small. Significant because of the trend towards militaristic integration and very small because of its absolute and relative value.

Even in its own backyard, the EU finds it difficult to compete: of the 2.2 billion in military aid that the US has announced *"half will go to Kiev and the rest will be divided among Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia (...)* the aid consists of grants and loans that will allow these countries to buy weapons and defense equipment manufactured in the US" (El País, 09-09-2022).

Meanwhile, steps continue to be taken towards European police integration and the extension of police prerogatives (supposedly limited to "online crisis situations"): *"The reform of the European Union's police agency allows it to request all kinds*

of information on people without any relation to the commission of a crime. (...) Another of the novelties introduced by the reform is that Europol will be able to use all this data to train artificial intelligence algorithms that allow the development of tools to fight crime". (El País, 27-05-2022).

### For the resumption of class struggle

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the President of France (E. Macron) declared the "end of abundance", calling for "efforts" and "sacrifices" since "it will be necessary to pay the necessary price to ensure our freedom". The militarist Josep Borrell had spoken along the same lines, saying that "citizens must be willing to pay a price to maintain support for Ukraine and for the unity of the EU. We are in the middle of a war: these things are not free".

Their plan is clear: for the proletariat to tighten its belt even more and serve as CANNON FODDER at the front and

## CRACKS AND FRACTURES WITHIN THE USA

### Situation of the working class

The situation inside the US continues to deteriorate: more than 20 million families cannot pay their electricity bill, average life expectancy has fallen by more than a year to 76.1 years, rents have skyrocketed and evictions have increased, inflation rages on the most basic products, baby formula has disappeared for several months, the epidemic of opioid addiction (fentanyl) continues, debts for studies of sectors of the working aristocracy and the petty bourgeoisie accumulate without being able to be paid, etc.

To try to control the situation, the U.S. government is trying a series of measures of containment and social control. As a cosmetic measure, we find the tax on the 700 richest families, which is used as propaganda, but nothing more. Then we have the government spending plan, to which the Democrat senator who was blocking it has finally submitted, and which is called now the "Inflation Reduction Act". The "student debt relief that forgives up to \$20,000 in loans" per student" (Bloomberg, 24-08-2022) has also been approved. A measure aimed at the sectors of the petty bourgeoisie and the working aristocracy who thought their children were going to have a meteoric career and whose illusions have been frustrated by crashing into material reality. The American bourgeoisie applies what Marx already explained in the Critique of the Gotha Program (1875): "defraying the cost of education of the upper classes from the general tax receipts". Among the deepest ones, we have the promotion of the straitjacket of subsidized unionism that we already analyzed in "The US tries a reedition of the New Deal" (The Internationalist Proletarian, No. 7, p. 19), for example, with the constitution of a union in Amazon, supported and applauded by the bourgeois capitalist government of the USA. The most intelligent part of the American bourgeoisie knows perfectly well that it needs the corset of subsidized unionism to restrain any hint of struggle and vindication of the workers and, above all, their development in a revolutionary sense.

*"The organizational inefficiency of the ultra-reformist and ultra-realist unions became a danger for the bourgeois regime: their recognition and the appearance of a philo-labor legislation were indispensable conditions for the reestablishment of internal social peace, and, thus of the economic recovery itself. It was necessary (as the anti-crisis measures were being developed and were having their effect), to prepare the fold into which the disciplined, fluctuating masses, continually thrown by the crisis into the arena of social conflict, could be led. Nor could the fold be the old A.F.L. (...).*

EXPLOITATION FODDER in the rear to ensure the freedom of exploitation and accumulation of French and European capitalist imperialism. The present EU is nothing other than a bloc for the imperialist struggle for the division of the world and against the proletarian revolution: "Of course, temporary agreements between the capitalists and between the powers are possible. In this sense the United States of Europe is also possible, as an agreement of the European capitalists... on what? Only on the means of jointly crushing socialism in Europe, of defending together the stolen colonies (...)" (Lenin, On the Slogan of the United States of Europe, 1915).

The proletariat of any of the European states cannot have ANY NATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THEIR OWN BOURGEOISIE, but must push and organize within each country and the EU in general the struggle to overthrow their "own" bourgeoisie.

*The old wolf has not changed his fur: John Lewis takes the initiative of the creation of the C.I.O. **only to prevent the formation of an autonomous and "red" trade union center.** (The New Deal, or state interventionism in defense of big capital, Prometeo No. 3-4, 1952).*

This type of unionism promoted by the State cannot be used to defend the working class but to control it. **Organizations of immediate struggle** founded on broad parameters of membership, but with uncompromising class character and rejection of corporatism, outside and against integrated unionism, must be reborn, and **it is the function of the International Communist Party to encourage and help them to be born, in the U.S. and around the world.**

*"The party never adopts the method of forming partial economic organizations comprising only workers who accept the principles and leadership of the communist party. But the party recognizes without reservation that not only the situation preceding the insurrectionary struggle, but also every phase of marked increase of the influence of the party among the masses, cannot be delineated without the extension between the party and the class of a stratum of organizations with immediate economic objectives and with high numerical participation, within which there is a network emanating from the party (nuclei, groups and communist worker union fraction). **It is the task of the party, in unfavorable periods and periods of passivity of the proletarian class, to foresee the forms and encourage the appearance of organizations with economic objectives for the immediate struggle, which may even assume totally new aspects in the future, after the well-known types of corporation, industrial union, company council, etc. The party always encourages those forms of organization which facilitate contact and common action among workers of various localities and of different professions, rejecting closed forms.**" (Characteristic Thesis, 1951).*

### Immigration

Murderer capitalism continues to claim lives in its provisioning of illegal labor force merchandise attempting to cross the U.S. border from Mexico: 50 immigrant workers died of suffocation and heat in a truck in Texas on July 28, 2022. The police arrested three perpetrators, but, no matter how much they may be blamed, these murders will continue to be repeated because it is the CAPITALIST SYSTEM and not some isolated