

Comrades,

The Workers' Party of Ireland extends its warmest fraternal greetings to the newly formed American Communist Party. We wish you every success in building your party and advancing the cause of socialism in the United States.

The past year has seen a further ratcheting up of global tensions. The US-NATO imperialists continue their policies of destabilisation and destruction, fomenting war around the world. In the Ukraine, the imperialists have consistently sabotaged peace efforts, sponsoring reactionary nationalist and fascistic groups in order to further the aim of NATO expansion. In the Lebanon, we have witnessed Israeli aggression, including attacks on Irish soldiers serving with UNIFIL, as part of a broader campaign of imperialist domination in the region. This is paralleled by the United States' arming and funding of Israel's genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people and their struggle for statehood and sovereignty. The vicious onslaught on Gaza is rapidly escalating into a wider regional conflict. Rooted in an imperative to control natural resources and vital trade routes, the actions of US-NATO imperialism and its proxies will no doubt cost many thousands of lives and add to the already critical refugee crisis.

These conflicts are three fronts in a broader campaign by US-NATO imperialism to undermine existing socialist states and other countries that refuse to be subordinate to US geopolitical interests, as well as to suppress the prospects for peace and socialism more generally. The continuing brutal blockade on Cuba, sanctions on Venezuela and Nicaragua, and increasing hostility towards China through the AUKUS pact exemplify this trend. The rise of China and the expansion of BRICS are seen as serious threats to US unipolarity, and the imperialist response has been to heighten existing tensions and conflicts.

Of course, the nature of imperialism means that the development of both the forces and relations of production is necessarily uneven geographically. Indeed, this unevenness of social development is indicative of the fact that existing social relations have become a fetter on the productive forces of society. If communism can only be built upon the foundations laid by advanced industrial development, it is equally true that the full benefits of this development can only be realised through socialist construction.

We are encouraged by the emergence of patriotic but anti-chauvinist parties like yours — parties that root themselves in their country's people, history, and traditions while advancing a clear anti-imperialist politics. Figures such as Marx, Engels, Abraham Lincoln, James Connolly, Lenin, and Stalin remind us that national liberation and international socialism are deeply intertwined. As Lenin and Stalin demonstrated, socialism must adapt to the specific conditions of each country while maintaining proletarian internationalism.

Comrades, our parties share a commitment to combating imperialism internationally. The primary means of defeating capitalist imperialism and fascism is through building our respective parties and

winning the working class for socialism and communism. In Ireland, The Workers' Party has been at the forefront of offering the working class practical proposals to undermine restrictive labour legislation and push for statutory trade union recognition. We recognise the importance of an expanded, militant trade union base for improved pay and conditions and, more importantly, as a mass organised base for socialism. Working-class strength lies above all in organisation and unity.

The struggle against capitalist imperialism and for socialist construction is an international one, and we look forward to building stronger links between our parties to further our common goal.

In solidarity,

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