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On the mutiny of the mercenary Wagner

In June, a clash took place in Russia between sectors of the bourgeoisie for the control of the private militia Wagner, engaged in the war in Ukraine and in several African countries (Libya, Mali, Central African Republic, Sudan, Mozambique, etc.) in defense of the interests of Russian imperialism.

The oligarch Prigozhin defended his lucrative business (which includes remuneration in mineral and oil wealth) with weapons in hand, threatened by Putin who wanted to absorb him into the state ranks.

After months of accusations against senior Russian military officials, treated as incapable, on June 24 Prigozhin "crossed the Rubicon" and took control of Rostov-on-Don Square (an important rear for Russian troops in Ukraine) to put pressure on Moscow.

It was certainly not a coup, as many have said, but a full-blown mutiny.

However, on its way Wagner found the forces loyal to Putin, who treated it as traitors and bombed with the air force the column of military vehicles of the mercenary gang headed to the capital of the Russian Federation to ask for the heads of some generals and safeguard its existence and its relative autonomy.

Prigozhin was thus forced to swallow an agreement that subordinates part of Wagner's mercenaries to the Russian Minister of Defense and provides for himself, as head of the mutineers, an amnesty of a sort with asylum in Minsk.

Asylum soon retracted since, according to what has been learned from the press, Putin and Prigozhin would meet in Moscow: the material needs of the war, which sees Russian troops in difficulty in some sectors, evidently have priority.

The rhetoric of the chauvinist Putin, who went so far as to confuse today's situation with that of 1917, comparing Prigozhin to Lenin, was shameful, as was the social-chauvinist policy of the CPRF revisionists, who continue to support the Russian imperialist regime and its military adventures. The 36-hour confrontation between Putin and his former aide Prigozhin revealed that bourgeois power in Russia is undermined by irreconcilable cracks and contradictions.

The rot of the Russian imperialist state has come to light, a colossus with feet of clay in the hands of factions of mafia capitalist oligarchs and brutal "warlords" who associate and compete with each other in imposing exploitation, oppression and hard sacrifices on the working class and the popular masses.

The destruction of the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism has led to today's misery and tragedy, the restoration and triumph of capitalism creating war, corruption, hunger and misery.

For their part, the Western powers, led by the USA, have taken advantage of the clash that took place in Russia (they knew Prigozhin's plan), keeping a low profile: the group of brigands led by Biden wants a prolonged proxy war to weaken Putin and bleed Russia, but prevent it from getting out of control as a nuclear power.

But even at home the problems and instability are serious: we remember Trump's attempted coup against Biden, the fierce rivalry that exists within the Atlantic Alliance for spheres of influence, the division of the spoils of war and reconstruction, the numerous mercenary armies (such as Academi, DynCorp, Vinnel in the USA, Asgaard in Germany, Gallice security in France, etc.), contractors and providers of military "services" at the service of monopolies and states.

The solution is not to side with one robber, whether big or small, winning or losing, against another robber.

The solution lies only in the hands of the working class and oppressed peoples, who have the strength to defeat the exploiters and warmongers.

Therefore we will not cease to call and participate in the struggle against "our own" imperialism, currently led by the Meloni government, which wants to drag us further and further into the abyss of war and militarization, as well as to appeal for the workers and peoples of Russia and Ukraine to shake hands and turn their weapons against their real enemies to establish lasting peace and fraternal cooperation, in a new socialist society.

To carry out this work successfully, today more than ever, the Party of the Proletarian Revolution is needed, the only one that can pave the way for the future.