

ORGANO DEL PARTITO COMUNISTA

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EDITORIAL

The IV Congress (March 2023) reiterated the need to strengthen the Communist Party, placing significant emphasis on the theme of Training, entrusted to me along with the direction of the newspaper La Riscossa. I would like to sincerely thank all the comrades, both male and female, for their affection and trust, which I feel strongly and laden with expectation. It has been a great honour for me to receive these assignments: I consider it the most important recognition of the work I have done over this decade. We must all thank the previous director, Alberto Lombardo, and wish him well on his election as General Secretary of the Party. Thanks to him and his work in collecting thousands of documents on the website, the overall political awareness of our community has been able to grow rapidly. We are pleased to continue to have his assistance as we work closely with the forming Editorial Team. With the IV Congress, the Theses of which have been published on the Partitocomunista.it website, the Party has matured significantly, reinforcing its status as the political and cultural vanguard of the working class in Italy. The Theses mark a turning point for the Italian communist movement, adopting the most advanced analysis available on international issues, as well as clarifying several other significant political and organisational aspects. To understand their significance: these Theses clearly distinguish themselves from those who speak of "opposing imperialisms" referring to China. The working-class left, including the communist one, both in Italy and abroad, has often lagged behind on such issues; too many comrades have yet to grasp some of the themes presented in this "large and terrible world" (Gramsci).

As the world teeters on the brink of the third world war, we note the unfortunate fact that we did not achieve the goal of 500,000 signatures for the war referendums. However, there's no use in lamenting: we live in an era of soft censorship disguised as "defence of science" and "fight against fake news". We are literally inundated with information and struggle to discern where the truth lies and where deception begins. The issue is not just about information, but the cultural and political education of a society that seems to crumble into inconclusive and nihilistic monads. Public trust in institutions and political parties is at an all-time low, and even for us, it's challenging to operate in such a context, marked by suspicion. However, the final count of 370,000 signatures collected is significant, showing a mobilisation capacity with the PC at its core, also thanks to the initiation of the political front of Popular Sovereign Democracy. This indicates that building a broad political alternative to a regime subservient to Western imperialist interests requires further strengthening of the Communist Party.

The purpose of this publication is clear: to create an additional tool for daily propaganda: a periodic bulletin that gathers and enhances the theoretical production of the organisation as a whole. We are thus laying the foundations for a guidance newspaper that we aim to publish regularly. We will use the summer to fine-tune the design, and if things go well, we can consider launching a subscription-based print magazine in the future. This is just one of many projects underway. We are working on publishing significant theoretical works in anticipation of the upcoming anniversary of the October Revolution, and in the meantime, we invite you to watch the first cycle of 11 sessions of the Antonio Gramsci political training school. We still have much work to do, but in a long journey, the important thing is to start walking.

Alessandro Pascale

ITALY

SALARY DISASTER

Among all the so-called advanced economies, Italy has experienced the most precipitous decline in wages. By the end of 2022, according to OECD data, REAL WAGES had fallen by 7% compared to the pre-pandemic period. The decline continued in the first quarter of 2023, with an annual decrease of 7.5%. A specific warning is issued to Italy regarding the "significant delays in renewing collective agreements (over 50% of Italian workers are covered by a contract that expired more than two years ago)". The OECD emphasises that this risks "prolonging the loss of purchasing power for many workers", primarily due to the conciliatory trade unions which have now succumbed to the wishes of the government, Confindustria, various national governments, and international powers. Considering all automation technologies, including AI, the professions at the highest risk of automation remain the least qualified ones: 30.1% of workers in Italy are employed in professions at the highest risk of automation, compared to an OECD average of 27%.

There's a need to restructure work by reducing working hours to achieve full employment, increasing direct wages, improving services by making them free again, and allowing people to retire at 60 with an earnings-related pension. Employment in our country is increasingly undervalued, and purchasing power is plummeting. If we don't change course, most small businesses, traders, and artisans will be forced to close, triggering a vicious cycle that further impoverishes the majority of the population, including public and private employees, small self-employed workers, professionals, etc. The blame for this can be directly attributed to the EU, which, since imposing the Euro, has set limitations and mandates aimed at plundering our country. Additionally, NATO and the USA have demanded an ever-increasing financial commitment to fund the North Atlantic terrorist organization (NATO) and the war in Ukraine.

ONLY STRUGGLE PAYS OFF!

On July 12th, we attended the demonstration organized by A.L. Cobas and SGC in front of Imes in Sumirago (Varese). The workers went on strike and formed a picket line outside the company's offices, deciding to continue the strike on Thursday 13th and Saturday 14th as well.

The Communist Party expresses its full solidarity and support for the workers in their struggle, who are demanding increased safety at their workplace, environmental protection, and a recovery of their wages, which have been heavily eroded by inflation. The workers are ready to continue the fight against the company that has denied their demands from the outset.

The Communist Party will stand by their side.





TAJANI: MINIMUM WAGE IS NOT NEEDED

For Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani, our country does not need to introduce a minimum wage. Instead, he believes what's needed is a liberal revolution. A liberal revolution that allows the wealthiest part of Italy to become even richer, exploiting workers even more. With diminishing protections and rights, these workers will be forced to accept any job offer, even those bordering on slavery. This government is solely concerned with the well-being of billionaires and doesn't consider the welfare of the entire population. With the liberal reform they want to implement, not only workers but also those who earn their living as small traders and artisans, genuine and pseudo self-employed individuals, will suffer the consequences. Many will be forced to close due to a lack of work. The minimum wage is a crucial reform and should be treated as such. However, no political force within Parliament has, for the time being, made an adequate proposal that genuinely improves the lives of workers. The Communist Party proposes a minimum wage of €12 net per hour across all categories, with a revaluation of all salaries.



MELONI IN FAVOR OF CLUSTER BOMBS

Following the shameful tweet by Defense Minister Guido Crosetto about his non-opposition to the use of cluster bombs donated by the USA to the Zelenskyy regime, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni also did not express opposition to the military choices of their direct superiors. Meanwhile, half the world has strongly condemned such practices, including NATO members like Spain, France, and even the United Kingdom, which had already sent depleted uranium munitions to the regime.

Our government is ready to follow the USA and NATO in every action, even going against the 2008 Oslo Convention that bans the production, use, and sale of such lethal weapons with a high risk of civilian casualties.

WITH THE REAL RISK OF KILLING THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS EVEN AFTER THE CONFLICT ENDS OR DIRECTLY LEADING US TOWARDS A NUCLEAR THIRD WORLD WAR.



PRESS RELEASE FROM THE "REJECT THE WAR" COMMITTEE

- The "Reject the War" Referendum Committee is composed of committed and serious individuals. The outstanding efforts of our dedicated activists, in less than 90 days and despite complete censorship, have resulted in 370,000 signatures. We did not reach the threshold of 500,000 signatures, and therefore we will not be proceeding to the Court of Cassation. However, we will undoubtedly continue our fight against war.
- Indeed, we will be organizing three major online assemblies for the referendum committees: Saturday, 29th July at 4 pm for Northern Italy.
- Sunday, 30th July at 10 am for Central Italy and at 3 pm for Southern Italy and the Islands. Chairman Enzo Pennetta.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WAR, IMPERIALISM

GOODBYE ZELENSKIJ

The pro-Ukraine front is starting to show cracks.

Zelenskij was expecting a red carpet and concrete steps regarding Ukraine's entry into NATO, but above all, the deployment of NATO troops in Ukraine to change the course of an already predetermined conflict.

It's simple pragmatism. For 40 years, nationalisms were stoked to divide and bring down the USSR, and for 20 years, Ukraine was trained and equipped to wage war against Russia. They were armed to the teeth and incited, and in the past the vear, without substantial military and economic support of NATO countries, Ukraine would have fallen within weeks, and today there wouldn't be the risk of a nuclear third world war.

All countries have bled themselves dry at the expense of their own populations to arm Ukraine against Russia. The results are not there. Russia controls 20% of former



Ukrainian territory, and the counter-offensive is crashing against the Russian defensive wall, causing Ukraine to lose thousands of people and equipment daily.

Western propaganda claims that the Vilnius summit was a success. In reality, beyond reassuring words, there are no concrete steps. The truth is that there are only two paths: either the West abandons Zelenskij and the Nazi-fascist Ukraine or directly intervenes, provoking a nuclear third world war.

It seems that, reluctantly, we are moving towards the first option, even though the hawks are always lurking. Among these is our government, given that Meloni has expressed alignment with Poland's harsh stances.



NATO BASES COMING TO UKRAINE

The Ukrainian Defense Minister has called for the abolition of the constitutional provision that prohibits the deployment of foreign military bases in the country. In simple terms, this means NATO in a country that isn't a member, without being too explicit about it.

"It's clear that, if necessary, a legal formula can be found to not call the base a 'base', but rather some sort of 'center for interaction and exchange of experiences' or something of the sort. But what's the point? It's necessary to remove this restriction, which has lost its relevance, to clear the field from speculations,", said Alexey Reznikov, as reported by Ukrainski Pravda.

"Defending Ukraine" cannot stand in the face of such a dangerous gamble, especially when Europe shows no level of autonomy in foreign policy.

They have already lied to us about Maidan, Donbass, and Russia's weakness. How far are we willing to go?



USA CONTINUES OCCUPATION IN SYRIA

The Syrian airspace has become another open front in this war, with the USA attempting to seize control of it to further threaten Moscow. Russia's presence in Syria, both on land and in the air, is legitimate under international law due to the explicit request made by the Syrian government in 2015 to counter the threat of ISIS. In contrast, the United States ILLEGALLY occupies certain areas in the northeast of the Arab country, plundering Syrian oil, gas, and wheat with the collaboration of the militias known as the 'Syrian Democratic Forces' (SDF). Now, they are also trying to expand their aerial dominance.

The latest US accusations against Russia have coincided with joint exercises between Russian and Syrian air forces aimed at "exercising control" over Syrian airspace and assessing "the effectiveness of Russian air defense means in the country." Last month, Grynkewich accused Russia of not "adhering to the agreed conflict protocols" in Syria, claiming that "the Russian military has recently deviated from the standards expected of a professional air force, choosing instead to deliberately violate these agreements." After the US military bolstered its occupation in Syria in recent months, Russia and Iran have embarked on a collaboration aimed at forcing the American troops, who are illegally occupying Syria, to leave.

OUT WITH THE USA FROM SYRIA!

BANK OF AMERICA HOPES FOR A RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT!

In a recent mid-year review obtained by the American newspaper The Intercept, an executive from Bank of America stated, "By the end of next year, we hope the number of jobs available to the unemployed has dropped to the more normal levels of the last economic cycle."

Making predictions for clients about the US economy in the coming years, the memo also noted that changes in the percentage of Americans seeking employment "should help drive up the unemployment rate."

The writer is Ethan Harris, head of global economic research for



the company's investment banking branch, Bank of America Securities. The memo was reportedly prompted by the Federal Reserve to "cool down" the economy, based on the same logic, namely that high wages are driving inflation. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported on Thursday that the gross domestic product has fallen for the second consecutive quarter, indicating that a recession may have already begun.

What the memo refers to as the "ratio of available jobs to the unemployed" is generally calculated the other way around, that is, the ratio of unemployed to available jobs. The more common ratio provides a measure of the balance of power between workers and employers.

The lower this number, the more options the unemployed have in seeking a job, and the more opportunities employed individuals have to move to jobs with better pay and conditions.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in May this ratio was 0.5, which means there were two available jobs for every unemployed person.

They are now shameless.

We must stop them by returning all political power to the hands of those who, by living off their own labor, truly produce all the wealth, reclaiming democracy and popular sovereignty!

CHRONICLES FROM "LIBERAL" TOTALITARIANISM



EUROPE TOWARDS TOTAL CENSORSHIP

The NATO propaganda that all media have been propagating against Russia since February 2022 is beginning to lose credibility in the eyes of a large portion of the European populace. In anticipation of this, measures are being put in place to curb citizens' pursuit of the truth through censorship.

Just as during the Nazi-fascist dictatorship, European Commissioner Thierry Breton announces that from August 25th, social networks will be obliged to immediately delete "hate content" or content that "incites rebellion", failing which they will face suspension within the territory.

Governments, when the people begin to rebel and recognize the lies they are being fed, censor the truth. In this case, they are trying to categorize as "hate content" anything that does not align with the official narrative.

BUT THE TRUTH IS ALWAYS REVOLUTIONARY!



JORIT SUSPENDED FROM FACEBOOK FOR DEFENDING THE PEOPLE OF DONBASS

Jorit went to Donbass at the beginning of July to give a voice to those Ukrainians that the world seems to ignore: those who oppose the various nationalist governments in Kiev that followed the 2014 coup.

Before his arrival in Russia, Jorit's posts garnered even more than 20,000 likes. However, his latest mural, painted on a bombed building in Mariupol, attracted only 50 likes, highlighting almost total censorship.

After his arrival in Russia, Jorit revealed in his Facebook stories the hardships of the war and the situation in Russia. In response, Facebook threatened to shut down his page. "It seems strange to me, as soon as I arrived in Russia and started talking about the war stories and Russia, Facebook threatens to close my page. Does this seem normal to you?" Jorit asks.



THE DISASTER OF ELECTRIC CARS

The EU Energy Ministers have approved a plan to register new cars and vans from 2035 if they operate with combustion engines using carbon-neutral fuels, a decision that affects almost only Europe and part of North America.

This law to phase out combustion cars by 2035, far from being truly "green" but rather a pretext to increase profits for car manufacturers, is also facing increasing opposition from European citizens. In the Netherlands, a survey conducted by VZR (and cited by Auto Week) shows that a quarter of current plug-in vehicle drivers will opt for hybrid when replacing their personal vehicle. Another quarter (24%) will revert to gasoline vehicles, while 8% will even lean towards diesel. This means that "only" 43% of currently "green" motorists will choose an electric vehicle again.

Citizens are beginning to oppose this latest madness already destined for disaster. The EU wants to impose the mandatory replacement of all existing cars with much more expensive models that only the wealthiest part of the population will be able to afford. Meanwhile, all other citizens will be forced to abandon their cars and will no longer be able to move around, all in the name of a "green" that isn't truly green. This creates a divide between first-class citizens and the majority of second-class citizens.

THE EUROPEAN UNION ATTACKS CUBA

The resolution approved by the EU against Socialist Cuba in a full "Cold War" style is truly shameful.

While President Díaz-Canel is visiting Portugal, the European Parliament wastes its time passing reactionary motions against communism and socialist movements worldwide, approving a disgraceful motion against the Republic of Cuba. This once again showcases its imperialism and neocolonialism, which is wholly subservient to American imperialism.

The resolution aligns the EU's position with that of the United States, which views Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism, despite evidence highlighting Havana's significant efforts for peace in the Americas and globally.

This is even more shameful considering that

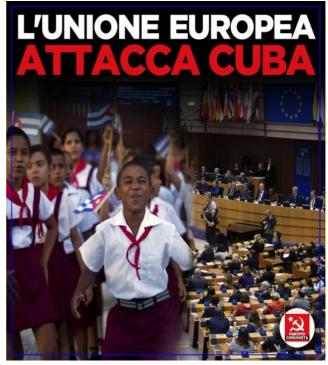
in recent years, Cuba has maintained positive relations with many European countries and has offered its support to wealthier and industrialized nations during the peak of the pandemic, including Italy.

The Cuban parliament has strongly responded to the Brussels' motion, condemning this latest interference in the island's internal affairs, aimed solely at demonstrating its faithful servility to the masters in Washington.

"The International Relations Commission of the National Assembly of People's Power emphasizes that the European Parliament does not have the moral, political, and legal authority to judge Cuba," reads the official document released by the commission of the Cuban legislative body.

"As with previous resolutions on Cuba passed by the current legislature, the text displays a high level of interventionism, defaming not only Cuban reality, its legal system, and the rule of law but also the ties Cuba maintains with other states sovereignly, in strict compliance with international law. At the same time, it reflects the application of double standards in issuing value judgments on issues to which that Parliament pays no attention within its member states and elsewhere in the world. The European Parliament's silence on the resurgence of fascism could be seen as complicit."

The EU increasingly appears as a willing slave to the USA. For this reason, the Communist Party has supported, since its inception, EXITING the EU, NATO, and the Euro. We express our solidarity and closeness to SOCIALIST CUBA.



IF THIS IS A WOMAN.



After a 20-year legal battle, a man has recently managed to change his gender on official records, changing his name from Emanuele to Emanuela, without undergoing any hormonal treatment or any gender reassignment surgery, thus remaining physically a man in all respects.

The situation is completely spiraling out of control, and those who are paying the price are obviously all those who rightly fight for genuine LGBT rights and also all women. At this point, provocatively, we ask all men to do as Mr. Emanuele did, so they can retire a few years earlier, even being able to request the "woman option" and retire even sooner (much to the delight of the pension agency, INPS). They could participate in all women's sports competitions, especially those where men's strength or physical prowess makes a difference. Not to mention that if many men became women without surgery, they could easily go into women's locker rooms and showers at gyms, swimming pools, spas, etc., and surely most women would not be thrilled about it.

These absurdities seriously harm the fight for equal rights and opportunities for women who are still paid less than men today and who do not see services like nurseries or elderly care alleviating their family burden, pushing social equality further away, a cause we have always fought for together.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT



FREEDOM FOR THE KONONOVICH BROTHERS

The Kiev regime silences the truth with force just like the fascist dictatorships of the 20th century. The Kononovich brothers, after being arrested, tortured, and humiliated, are now receiving death threats from members of the Nazi militias regularly incorporated into the Ukrainian military forces. Their crime: being anti-fascist, communist, and democratic. All of this is happening in a country that is close to joining the European Union and NATO."

WE WILL NOT STAND BY: FREEDOM FOR THE KONONOVICH BROTHERS!



OLEG KHORZAN, LEADER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TRANSNISTRIA, KILLED

In a startling and concerning statement, Gennady Zyuganov, who leads the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, revealed that Oleg Khorzhan, the leader of the Communist Party of Transnistria, was tragically killed in his apartment located in Transnistria.

It's important to note that Khorzhan had a history of conflicts with local authorities. His dissent had reached such a point that he had been sentenced to serve four years in prison on a charge of "use of force against representatives of the authorities".

This sentence was served until December of the past year, at which time Khorzhan was finally released.

In the face of this shocking news, Zyuganov responded decisively. He emphatically called for immediate action in response to Khorzhan's death. Specifically, he stated: "We demand that an investigation be initiated immediately."



MEETING IN ROME AMONG EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES TO REAFFIRM OPPOSITION TO US IMPERIALISM

- On Saturday and Sunday, a meeting was held between the following communist parties.
- * Communist Party (Italy)
- * Deutsche Kommunistische Partei DKP
- * Magyar Munkáspárt Hungarian Workers Party
- * Partido Comunista de los Pueblos de España PCPE
- * Communist Party (Switzerland)
- * Pôle de Renaissance Communiste en France PRCF

On Saturday, the party delegations debated international political issues, with particular reference to the situation of the communist movement, the economic crisis, and the dangers of generalised war specifically generated by US-NATO-led imperialism. On Sunday, a meeting was held between the representatives of the communist parties present with the participation of some militants of our party, which allowed for a fruitful exchange of experiences and evaluations through which the representatives of the communist parties demonstrated their appreciation for the actions and initiatives undertaken by our Party in the last period.

Full article on La Riscossa.

HISTORY & MEMORY

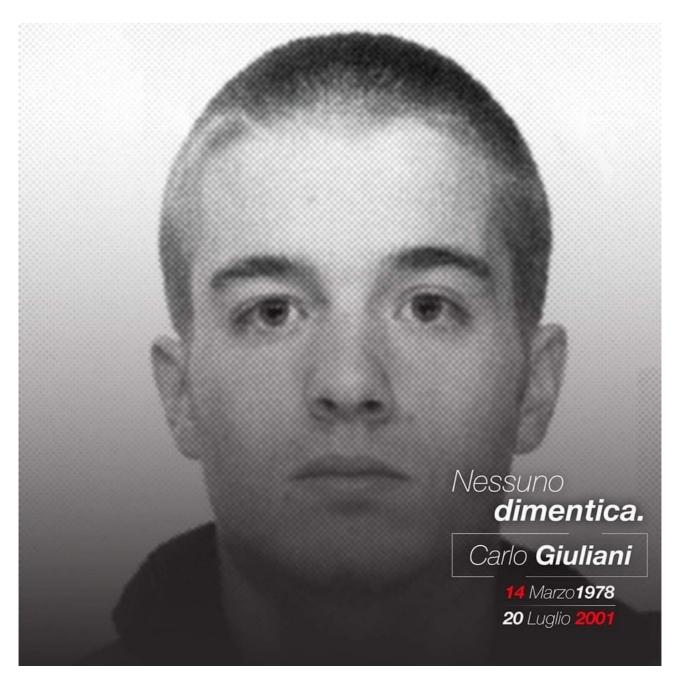


MANDELA: A LIFE FOR EQUALITY AND FREEDOM

Today Nelson Mandela would have turned 105 years old.

Mandela was a member of the South African Communist Party, a fact that played a significant role in shaping his political ideologies and his vision of a fair and just society. Despite his communist beliefs being viewed with suspicion and hostility by many, Mandela remained steadfast in his commitment to social justice and equality.

His political activism, however, was not without consequences. Mandela was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964. His cell, located on Robben Island, was incredibly small, measuring only 2.4 meters by 2.1 meters. In this confined space, Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison. This period of forced isolation only served to strengthen his determination to fight for freedom and equality. Despite the harsh conditions and the long duration of his imprisonment, Mandela was not disheartened. On the contrary, he used his time in prison to study and prepare for the future. When he was finally released in 1990, Mandela continued his fight against apartheid, becoming South Africa's first black president in 1994. Nelson Mandela's life is an example of resilience, courage, and dedication to the cause of social justice. His story reminds us that, despite adversity, we can always fight for a better world.



IN MEMORY OF CARLO GIULIANI

Today, 20th July, marks 22 years since the killing of Carlo Giuliani at the G8 in Genoa. That movement had many limitations, but the ideas of those who fight for a world of peace and justice, against capitalist globalization and against the barbarity of this system, which condemns millions of people to live in misery for the profit of a handful of parasites, remain relevant today. Over these twenty years, many have betrayed, from anti-globalists to those providing left-wing cover for the European Union and NATO.

We continue to work against globalization, against capitalism, against the EU, the Euro, and NATO. Building a great Communist Party within a broad front that embraces our slogans.



TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE HISTORY OF COMMUNISM

It's important for every militant and sympathizer to cultivate their own political education by acquiring the fundamental elements of theory and the history of the workers' and communist movement. This will provide useful points of reference for developing one's own solid, critical, and dialectical thinking, acquiring developed analytical abilities that enable responding to the daily class struggle, which is also waged culturally by the bourgeoisie. This process leads to emancipation from reactionary ideologies.

In this regard, the recommendation is to refer to the History of Communism, which can be downloaded for free (in PDF format) from the website <u>intellettualecollettivo.it</u> It's accessible in HTML format on the website Storiauniversale.it.

Specifically, reference is made to the <u>Introduzione teorico-politica al marxismo-leninismo</u>, about a hundred pages that are useful for understanding who we are and what we want beyond current tactical claims.



CONTINUOUS EDUCATION AND INFORMATION





The bourgeois regime structurally tends to close every visibility space for proletarian organizations, reserving almost totalitarian control of the media to control thought through direct and indirect propaganda.

For these reasons, it's fundamental for the Party to develop its own autonomous information channels, constructing a direct communication channel with the popular masses and striving to fully utilize social networks as well. If you aren't already following them, I'd like to bring your attention to our virtual "strongholds" and contacts, useful for staying updated on the national and local activities of the Party:

-The Communist Party

official site: https://ilpartitocomunista.it/

facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ilpartitocomunista

youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/c/PartitoComunista-PC

telegram channel: https://t.me/IlPartitoComunista
twitter channel: https://twitter.com/PartitComunista

instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/partitocomunista.pc/ tiktok channel: https://www.tiktok.com/@partito.comunista

-La Riscossa, official organ of the Party

official site: https://www.lariscossa.info/

facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LaRiscossa.info

telegram channel: https://t.me/lariscossa

instagram channel: https://www.instagram.com/lariscossa.info/

-Communist Youth Federation

facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/FederazioneGioventuComunista instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/federazione_gioventu_comunista/

VIDEO

ADDRESS BY SECRETARY ALBERTO LOMBARDO

Conclusions at the Puglia Regional Assembly of the Communist Party in Carovigno (BR), held on July 17, 2023.

SOVEREIGN POPULAR DEMOCRACY IN THE SENATE (RIZZO)

The presentation by Marco Rizzo, Honorary President of the Communist Party, at the Press Conference at the Senate of the Republic.

ABOUT THE REFERENDUM SIGNATURE COLLECTION (RIZZO)

On Byoblu and the referendum signature collection "Repudiate War"

CLIMATE, MULTINATIONALS, AND UNIFORM THOUGHT (RIZZO)

On climate, multinational corporations, and uniform thought.

IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO (RIZZO)

Sovereignty in our country does not exist. The USA and NATO have dozens and dozens of bases within our borders that cannot be controlled either by our government or by the head of the armed forces. These bases send and receive atomic bombs without us being able to say or do anything. We must immediately withdraw from NATO:

THE UNIONS? (RIZZO)

The leadership of the collaborative unions only think about their own interests and no longer fulfill their role as defenders of the workers.

CAPITALISM AND WAR (PASCALE)

Presentation on Visione TV by Alessandro Pascale of the article "Capitalism and War," published in the 3rd issue of the Visione magazine:

BIDEN AND CLUSTER BOMBS (CNN)

The decision to send cluster munitions to Ukraine was made due to a shortage of conventional ammunition for both Kiev and the United States, as stated by Biden in an interview with CNN. This action can be viewed as an act of war. Ukrainian leaders are jeopardizing the future of their citizens for many years to come. Cluster bombs, which have a 4% failed ignition rate, can cause civilian deaths for decades. Despite being prohibited, the United States seems to be acting as if they are above international rules:

THE BIDEN OF 1997

The current President of the USA, Joe Biden, already in 1997, stated that a potential entry of the Baltic countries into NATO would create strong tensions with Russia, and would also go against the agreements of March 6, 1991, signed in Bonn by the USA and the USSR, regarding the non-expansion of NATO to the east:



THE ANTONIO GRAMSCI PEOPLE'S POLITICAL TRAINING SCHOOL

This school was designed to provide basic training on a range of essential topics for activists and leaders. Those who have attended the initial sessions through live broadcasts or recordings have seen that we need to think of education as a tool that begins with historical instruction to reflect skeptically and creatively on the present and future challenges. Above all, it's meant to equip us with a toolkit for critical use, not dogmatic application. I emphasize this point greatly, as it's the essence of Marxism, because only by learning to handle dialectics can we avoid new divisions and departures, often caused by a lack of understanding the minimal foundations of communist theory and practice.

The characterization as a "people's school" is a statement of intent: in addition to paying homage to the school established in Paris in the 1930s by the philosopher comrade Georges Politzer, the political premise is that training for Party activists should not and cannot be characterized, at least in its fundamental theoretical aspects, by secrecy. Rather, we should take advantage of these moments to publicly disseminate our ideas and reflections. Not only do we have nothing to hide, but these moments of theoretical deepening should show the masses that our strength lies precisely in our thorough worldview and understanding of society. To break free from the ghetto in which "liberal" totalitarianism has confined us, we must restate the fundamental theoretical foundations that characterize communists, striving to overcome the heterodox anarchy that has marked recent decades and rediscover the elementary themes and necessary updates. On this point, it's essential to insist, because given the fragmentation and decades-long crisis of the Italian communist movement, we have only one way to distinguish ourselves from other "anti-system" organizations and especially those that still adhere to the Marxist paradigm: to demonstrate not only comprehension but also the ability to update the lessons of the "classics" to the dynamic reality that characterizes our world.

An initial suggestion is given to Party sections: organize moments of collective listening followed by internal debates, signaling any questions, criticisms, issues, or improvements directly to the undersigned (info@intellettualecollettivo.it).

Theory and practice must go hand in hand, which is why training cannot consist solely of

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sitting in a chair listening to a speaker. Active participation is necessary because the best training is self-training, at least in the ideal model.

Theoretical and political awareness is a fundamental and essential aspect for a communist, but it must always be accompanied by practical action in the community, in interaction with ordinary people, with workers, striving to improve oneself and thoughtfully reflecting on possible issues that may arise from the essential activities of daily propaganda. [Alessandro Pascale]

Videos and many transcripts from the 1st cycle of the school are available:

1) THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND THE MULTIPOLAR WORLD

January 20, 2023, presentation of the book "Ukraine between Russia and NATO" by the author Marco Pondrelli, in dialogue with Alessandro Pascale. Video.

- 2) **CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY MANIFESTO** Saturday, January 28, curated by Alessandro Pascale. <u>Video</u>. <u>Text</u>.
- 3) HISTORICAL MATERIALISM AND DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM

Friday, March 3rd, 8:30 PM - 11 PM, curated by Alessandro Pascale. Video. Text.

4) INTRODUCTION TO MARXISM-LENINISM

Friday, March 10th, curated by Alessandro Pascale. Video. Text.

5) CULTURAL HEGEMONY AND "LIBERAL" TOTALITARIANISM

Saturday, March 18th, curated by Alessandro Pascale. Video.

6) THE LIES ABOUT THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday, March 26th, seminar with Alessandro Pascale, Marco Cosentino, Giuseppe Damiani, and Andrea Zhok. <u>Video</u>. <u>Text</u>.

7) UNDERSTANDING THE ENEMY: THE NEW RIGHT

Saturday, April 22nd, introduction by Alessandro Pascale and presentation by Matteo Luca Andriola on the topic "La nouvelle droite e il pensiero di Alain De Benoist: fra populismo identitario e lotta culturale per l'egemonia "gramsciana". <u>Video</u>. <u>Text</u>.

8) THE SOVIET MYTH: FROM LENIN TO STALIN

Sunday, May 7th, curated by Alessandro Pascale. Video.

9) THE GREAT ENEMY: THE CRIMINAL HISTORY OF THE USA

Saturday, May 20th, curated by Alessandro Pascale. Video. Text.

10) HISTORY AND ISSUES OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI)

Sunday, June 4th, curated by Alessandro Pascale.. Video.

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